

# WATER TREATMENT TECHNICIAN

Water Treatment Technicians perform daily monitoring of agricultural plant functions, which includes accessing the daily demands and making appropriate adjustments to meet those demands.

### WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES WILL I HAVE?

- Accountable for the day to day operations of the waste water treatment and recovery facility
- Meticulously execute process sampling to accurately gauge and monitor levels
- Monitor wastewater operations
- Analyze instantaneous and historical data to decide and act on needed process/operational adjustments (demand, chemical dosage, process adjustments)
- Assist operating management in the installation and maintenance of environmental compliance measures required under Federal, State, and local regulations
- Assist management in interpreting and applying technical regulatory requirements on production operations
- Log all operational data and produce frequent reports
- Promptly troubleshoot process, instrumentation, data, and mechanical problems
- Perform basic maintenance, repair, and calibration
- Respond to any related emergencies
- Work closely with adjacent farming operation to insure land application of treated waste water is complaint
- Monitor cost control measures for environmental compliance
- Remain up to date on new developments in regulatory changes in environmental requirements
- Communicate effectively with plant management regarding all waste treatment and water recovery activities



#### WHAT EDUCATION & TRAINING IS REQUIRED?

Associate's degree in agriculture, environmental science, or natural resources is required; must also be certified with a Wastewater Operator Certification

## THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED...

Agricultural education, English, biology, physics, chemistry, natural resources, mathematics

#### TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Agricultural companies, processing plants, chemical plants, large animal production farms, grain elevators, government agencies

#### **FUTURE JOB MARKET/OUTLOOK**

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Good

Excellent

## SUGGESTED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

- American Water Resources Association
- World Association of Soil and Water Conservation
- National Groundwater Association

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME SALARY

\$38,000

Poor