

## WHAT'S THAT JOB?!

### WATER/WASTEWATER SYSTEM OPERATOR

**NATURE OF THE WORK:** If you like to be outside, and do meaningful work that directly affects a community's quality of life, this career may be for you. The employee in this field is a multi-tasker who is comfortable learning about the mechanics of water and wastewater systems, the science behind providing pure, safe drinking water and safeguarding public health.

**REPORTS TO:** Transmission/Distribution Supervisor, Chief Operator of a Water or Wastewater Treatment facility. Could report to others, depending on specific assignment.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** A high school diploma is required. Associate or relevant bachelor's college-level degree will help with advancement. An apprenticeship/internship is standard, with length up to six months.

**SKILLS REQUIRED:** Key attributes are the ability to work independently and in a team environment, comfort in using computer systems and a willingness to learn.

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS:** A level of good health and fitness is important. Employees may need to obtain a Class A or B (CDL) driver's license within six months, depending on assignment.

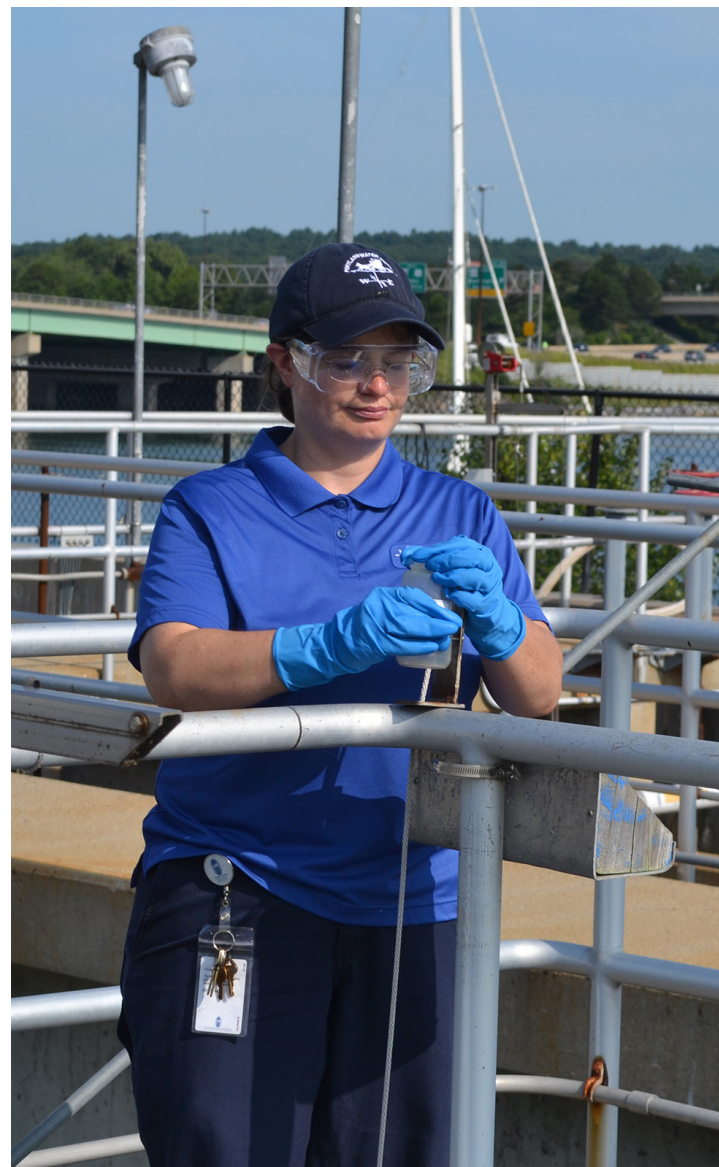
**BY THE NUMBERS:** These positions are in high demand. They generally center in mid-sized and larger communities, including at places like the Portland Water District, which serves many cities and towns in southern Maine.



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