UTILITY WORKER I

FLSA Status: Non-Exempt

GENERAL DEFINITION AND CONDITIONS OF WORK:
This is a specialized technical position performing operation and maintenance on utility infrastructure and related equipment and systems. Assignments will involve work in one or more of the following areas: (1) electrical/mechanical, (2) utility construction, (3) sewer collection operations, (4) water distribution operations. This position reports to the Utility Supervisor.

This is heavy manual work requiring intermittent lifting of objects weighing at least 50 pounds or more. Work requires climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, reaching, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, lifting, fingering, grasping, and repetitive motions; vocal communication is required for expressing or exchanging ideas by means of the spoken word; hearing is required to perceive information at normal spoken word levels; visual acuity is required for color perception, visual inspection involving small defects and/or small parts, use of measuring devices, assembly or fabrication of parts at or within arm’s length, operation of machines, operation of motor vehicles or equipment, determining the accuracy and thoroughness of work, and observing general surroundings and activities; the worker is subject to inside and outside environmental conditions, extreme cold, extreme heat, noise, vibration, hazards, atmospheric conditions, and oils. The worker may be exposed to bloodborne pathogens and may be required to wear specialized personal protective equipment. This position may involve call-out for after hours work activities.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS/TYPICAL TASKS:
Essential functions/typical tasks (as assigned) of Utility Worker I in addition to:
(The following tasks are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work performed. The omission of specific duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment to the position.)

Checks water and sewer stations daily;
Assists with locating and repairing of water/sewer lines;
Collects water samples for bacteriological examination;
Familiarity with the VA811 – Miss Utility location system;
Inventories/purchases chemicals as required;
Repairs minor leaks on small water/sewer services;
Assists with the performing of leak tests (dye, smoke);
Conducts preventative maintenance and repairs on water/wastewater equipment;
Meets with customers to resolve service requests as required;
Repairs and/or replaces water meters as requested;
Repairs and/or replaces street signs as requested;
Collects and analyzes samples for treatment facility performance/water quality standards and report issues promptly, as requested;
Assists Utility Supervisor with ongoing training of lower class Utility Workers;
Reports issues/concerns with water/sewer utilities to the Utility Supervisor;
Participates in emergency response operations as required in a declared emergency by County officials; completes required NIMS training as a condition of employment;
Must have a valid Virginia Driver’s License;
Performs related work as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:
Working knowledge of the tools, materials and equipment used in the installation, replacement, maintenance and repair of utility lines and equipment; working knowledge of a variety of maintenance and manual tasks involved in the installation, maintenance, repair and replacement of water and wastewater utility lines and equipment; working knowledge in the use of common hand and power tools; ability to operate utility construction equipment; ability to perform manual and semiskilled labor for extended periods, often under unfavorable conditions; ability to establish and maintain positive working relationships with customers, supervisor and coworkers.
EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:
High school diploma or equivalent required with related water and wastewater utility experience preferred. Any equivalent combination of education and experience and/or training sufficient to demonstrate the required knowledge, skills and abilities is acceptable.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:
Must have a commercial driver's license within 6 (six) months of employment; may work beyond normal schedule; may be assigned routine scheduled coverage responsibilities under call-out policy; must wear uniform according to standards, including safety equipment.