#### LUMMI TRIBAL SEWER AND WATER DISTRICT

## JOB DESCRIPTION

# JOB TITLE: LAB TECHNICIAN / PLANT OPERATOR

EXEMPT:

DIVISION:

Lummi Planning

SALARY LEVEL:

\$23.85 - \$28.12/ hour

DEPT:

Lummi Tribal Sewer & Water District

SHIFT:

Day

DURATION: Full Time / Permanent

LOCATION: Gooseberry Point

#### JOB SUMMARY:

Under the general guidance of the District management, the Lab Technician / Plant Operator operates and maintains the wastewater treatment laboratory facilities and wastewater treatment plants. The Lab Technician / Plant Operator also maintains appropriate data, prepares periodic reports, and communicates results to appropriate staff and management, in support of plant performance and regulatory compliance.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- 1. Responsible for all sampling, laboratory testing, and compliance monitoring with applicable laws and regulations.
- 2. Responsible for following safety standards, generally accepted laboratory procedures, and applicable quality and accuracy standards.
- 3. Responsible for the proper operation of the District's wastewater treatment plants.

#### **JOB DUTIES:**

The Lab Technician / Plant Operator performs a wide range of duties, including, but not limited to the following:

- 1. Performs laboratory sampling and testing required for regulatory compliance and process control.
- 2. Analyzes laboratory testing data and prepares reports. Tracks key operational parameters and recommends operational adjustments to the plants.
- 3. Performs preventative and corrective maintenance on laboratory equipment, samplers, and process control equipment.
- 4. Maintains the Quality Assurance Plan and sees that all staff follow quality control procedures.
- 5. Maintains complete and accurate records associated with plant operations and the laboratory.
- 6. Makes recommendations for equipment purchases and maintains appropriate inventories of chemicals and supplies.
- 7. Performs routine plant operations including equipment checks, making operational adjustments, preparing treatment chemicals, and other duties as assigned.
- 8. Available for emergency call-outs.

- 9. Works effectively with District management, fellow workers, and the general public.
- 10. Follows all safety standards and regulations for the work area, and reports safety hazards for corrective action.

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- 1. A Bachelor of Science degree in a relevant science field and laboratory course work in environmental monitoring or wastewater treatment. One year of environmental, water, or wastewater laboratory experience preferred.
- 2. Valid Washington State driver's license.
- 3. Initiative and the ability to work and coordinate activities with minimal amount of direction.
- 4. Physical ability to perform the necessary job tasks.
- 5. Ability to keep current with the trends in the wastewater / laboratory field by using technical journals, the federal register and other regulatory documents.
- 6. Knowledge of computer use to research issues, create reports, and analyze data statistically and graphically.
- 7. A Washington State Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator I certificate must be obtained within 18 months of hire.

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