PLANT ATTENDANT  
(CLASS CODE 3010)

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS  
Revision Date: May 5, 2018

Bargaining Unit:

Class Code: 3010

SALARY RANGE

$33,111.00 Annually

KIND OF WORK:

Semiskilled work in the maintenance and operation of power and steam generating equipment, water filtering, purifying, and pumping equipment; and related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF WORK:

An employee in this class normally assist a regular shift operator in the operation and maintenance of water filtration, purifying and pumping equipment, or works with stationary engineers to acquire knowledge of safe operation of heating, air conditioning and power equipment. A wide range of semiskilled tasks may be assigned to develop thorough work is performed under close supervision; as skill in demonstrated, additional responsibilities may be assigned.

EXAMPLES OF WORK:

Note: These examples are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work performed in positions allocated to this position.)

Makes rounds and inspects machines in operation such as pumps, mills, motors, steam engines, boiler feed pumps, and screens.

Determines proper oil levels; oils bearings; checks packing glands; sweeps floors; keeps screens free of trash; and cleans machinery.

Reads and records steam pressures, water pressures, vacuum, and revolutions per minute;
consults with engineers to acquire knowledge of pressure tolerances, generation techniques, etc.

- Patrols a purification station, checking valves, controls, and chlorinators; reads gauges and records finding; and assists the operator in oiling and major repair work.
- Makes up and feeds chemical solutions for the treatment of water; collects water samples for analysis.
- Sees that premises are kept clean; paints, cleans, and polishes equipment; and performs related maintenance duties.
- In emergency, acts as a relief plant operator.

NECESSARY KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Some knowledge of the functions and mechanics of equipment found in power and steam generating, water filtering, purifying, and pumping plants; such as: turbines, steam engines, boiler feed pumps, filters, mixers, motors, pumps, and related equipment.
- Knowledge of proper methods of oiling movable parts and ability to keep building and machinery clean.
- Some knowledge of the principles of combustion, electricity transmission, and the characteristics of steam under pressure.
- Ability to check the operation of equipment and to detect flaws or defects in operation.
- Mechanical aptitude and skill in the use of common hand tools.
- Ability to understand and execute simple oral and written instructions.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Minimum age limit: 18 years.*

EITHER: One (1) year of full-time experience in the field of maintenance work requiring the use of common hand tools.

OR: High school graduation or GED issued by a state department of education.**

* Prior to appointment, the hiring agency is required to verify applicant is at least 18 years of age. If selected for hire, applicants must provide a state issued identification card, driver's license or birth certificate to the hiring agency prior to their start date in this classification.

** Prior to appointment, the hiring agency is required to verify education and age claimed by the applicant to qualify for this classification. If selected for hire, applicants must provide their original education documents to the hiring agency prior to their start date in this job classification.

KIND OF EXAM:
A qualifying review of training and experience to determine if the applicants meet the requirements of the position.

This is a noncompetitive original entrance examination in accordance with Rule V, Section 8.1(d) of the City Civil Service Rules.