

Water System Operator Trainee

Tryon Road Special Utility District (SUD) – Longview, Texas

Start your career in a critical, in-demand industry that keeps communities running. Tryon Road SUD is hiring a **Water System Operator Trainee** to support daily operations of our public water system. This is an **entry-level role with paid training, strong benefits, and clear advancement opportunities** toward TCEQ licensure.

About the Role

The Operator Trainee assists licensed operators with the operation, maintenance, and monitoring of the District's water supply and distribution system. This position is ideal for individuals interested in utilities, mechanical work, or long-term career stability.

Key Responsibilities

- Assist with operation of wells, booster pumps, storage tanks, and distribution systems
- Monitor system pressures, tank levels, and equipment performance (including SCADA)
- Collect water samples and maintain compliance records
- Perform routine maintenance on valves, hydrants, meters, and related equipment
- Assist with leak detection, repairs, and main break response
- Flush lines and hydrants to maintain water quality
- Support meter reading, service installations, and customer service calls
- Maintain accurate logs and field documentation
- Participate in emergency response and on-call rotation

Training & Advancement

- Obtain **TCEQ Class D Water Operator License** within 6–12 months
- Attend certification courses and safety training
- Gain hands-on experience in system operations, regulatory compliance, and safety practices

Minimum Qualifications

- High school diploma or GED
- Valid Texas driver's license with acceptable driving record
- Ability to obtain TCEQ Class D license
- Ability to perform physical outdoor work in all weather conditions

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience in utilities, construction, or mechanical work
- Basic knowledge of water systems, plumbing, or equipment operation
- Familiarity with hand tools and small equipment
- Industrial Process Technology coursework
- Basic understanding of PLCs, SCADA, or automated monitoring systems

Working Conditions

- Outdoor work in all weather conditions
- Exposure to mechanical equipment, chlorine, chemicals, and confined spaces
- Physical labor including lifting up to 50 lbs, walking, and digging
- On-call duty and after-hours emergency response required

Compensation & Benefits

Pay Range: \$15.00 – \$22.00/hr **Typical starting range:** \$15 – \$18/hr, depending on experience
Pay increases tied to certification and skill progression

Benefits include:

- Health insurance (medical, dental, vision options)
- 457(b) retirement plan with employer contribution
- Paid vacation and sick leave
- Paid holidays
- Training and certification support

How to Apply

Submit your application or résumé to Tryon Road SUD. Interested candidates are encouraged to apply early — training slots are limited.

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