

MISSION-CRITICAL PROFILE

Name: Kelvin Hatchett

Organization: West Valley Sanitation District

Job Category (Check one below):

- Water Treatment
- Water Distribution
- Wastewater Treatment
- Wastewater Collections
- Electronic Maintenance Technician/ Instrument Technician
- Electrician/ Electrical Line Worker
- Machinist/ Mechanic
- Other

1. Please describe the work you do:

I am the Operations Supervisor for the West Valley Sanitation District.

What I do: Schedule routine cleaning maintenance of the sewer and storm lines in our service area, Schedule Training for the operations dept. Staff, Manage Contractors for Building and Grounds maintenance, Supervise Fleet maintenance.

2. What combination of education, experience, and skill was required in order for you to obtain your job?

A 4-year apprenticeship in the plumbing field, Class A driver's license. Certifications in: CWEA grade 4, Backhoe Operating, NASSCO (CCTV). Numerous Supervisor and Management Certifications, 2 years as a maintenance II worker, 3 years as a Lead Worker, 4 years as a Maintenance Supervisor and 3 years in my current position Operation Supervisor.

3. What do you like best about your job?

The problem solving, interaction with co-workers, the service to my community and environment.

4. Please tell us about the projects and activities you have enjoyed most in your work in the water/wastewater field, and what made them rewarding,

I don't think I have one project or activity that stands out above all the rest. If I have to say something I would say it's the helping people and protecting the environment that give me the most reward.

5. What qualities and capabilities are needed in order for an engineer to be successful in the water/wastewater industry?

Problem solving, patience, leadership and the willingness to learn new things.

6. Do you have any advice for an individual who is considering pursuing a career as an engineer in the water/wastewater industry?

When you get in this field learn all you can, don't become complacent. Volunteer for all opportunities to learn something new be proactive so when positions open up you're prepared.