



MISSION-CRITICAL PROFILE

Name: Janet Odoms

Organization: SFPUC

Job Category (Check one below):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Treatment | <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Maintenance Technician/ Instrument Technician |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Distribution | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrician/Electrical Line Worker |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wastewater Treatment | <input type="checkbox"/> Machinist/Mechanic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wastewater Collections | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

1. Please describe the work you do:

Adjusts valves and controls as required to maintain proper flow and treatment of sewage. Takes periodic readings of gauges and meters, charts and records results in plant operating logs. Make regular visual inspection and/or manual tests of plant machinery and equipment in an assigned area or pumping station for proper operation. Collect raw sewage samples on pre-scribed schedule at specific locations. Make chemical analysis of samples.

2. What combination of education, vocational training, apprenticeship, experience, and/or skill did you obtain in order to be qualified and selected for your job?

Completion of a recognized four years stationary engineer apprenticeship program.

3. What do you like best about your job?

Learning new things. Accepting new challenges. Even though I've been here for over 24 years there is always new challenges that arise and I love a challenge as it keeps me mentally stimulated.

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,

Teaching new operators how to run stations. Seeing their progress is rewarding. Being able to help others when help is needed.

5. What qualities and capabilities are needed in order for a person in your area of expertise to be successful in the water/wastewater industry?

To be willing to learn. To be self-motivated. To work well by yourself as well as be a team player. To be able to work under pressure. To be able to accept constructive criticism.

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

To keep an open mind because there are many opportunities here. Willing to learn. Pick a listener. Try to stay physically fit. Don't be complacent. Have perseverance.