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**Sturgis**  
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## Wastewater Operator Apprentice

The City of Sturgis is currently seeking a full time Wastewater Operator Apprentice. This is an entry level supervised position requiring performance of a wide variety of routine skilled and un-skilled maintenance tasks. Training will include but not limited to operating and monitoring pumps, settling tanks, aeration basin, digesters and other equipment including adjusting chemicals or physical processes, maintaining logs and records, general maintenance, and while learning to ensure conformance to set procedures and acceptable standards.

Interested candidates are required to have a valid Michigan driver's license and High School Diploma or equivalent. Candidates with class D Municipal Michigan Wastewater treatment operator's certification license, mechanical and/or electrical experience are preferred.

By one year of employment or as soon as classes and testing permit:

- Obtain a 40Hr HAZWOPER certificate
- Confined space training

Within 2 years;

- Must obtain a class D Municipal Michigan Wastewater treatment operator's certification from Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE)

Qualifications include but not limited to:

- Able to work rotating schedule
- Work overtime in emergency situations, some in an "on-call" basis when needed
- Willing to advance education
- Able to work in various weather conditions and sudden changes in temperature, both inside the treatment plant and outdoors
- Be a team player

Physical requirements:

- Ability to access all areas of the treatment plant
- Ability to climb stairs on a regular basis
- Ability to climb and descend ladders
- Ability to lift and move equipment and material weighing up to 75 lbs.
- Ability to kneel, crouch, and crawl in order to perform maintenance and repairs
- Ability to walk for prolonged periods of time in order to make inspections of plant operations
- Ability to walk on slippery surfaces
- Ability to use hand truck to move barrels of chemicals
- Ability to identify colors for laboratory testing
- Ability to discern differences in the sound and smell of the various steps of the process in order to recognize potential problems

Working Conditions include but not limited to; exposure to odors, wastewater and residuals, high levels of noise, methane gas and other toxic fumes and pathogens, high pressure air systems, confined spaces requiring air testing and ventilation, and a variety of chemicals used in the treatment process.

**Submit Application, Resume, and Cover Letter to: Sturgis City Hall, 130 N. Nottawa St.  
or via email to: [dnorthrup@sturgismi.gov](mailto:dnorthrup@sturgismi.gov) Applications are available at City Hall  
or on our website at [sturgismi.gov/HR](http://sturgismi.gov/HR)**

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