

Jurisdiction: Oneida-Herkimer
Solid Waste Management Authority
Jurisdictional Class: Non-Competitive
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BALER OPERATOR

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This position exists at the Material Recovery Facility of the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Management Authority and involves operating the material processing baler equipment in preparation of recyclable material, such as newspapers, tin cans, plastics, etc. for shipment and marketing. The work may also include the operation of a bobcat, forklift, and other types of motorized equipment. The incumbent works under the direct supervision of the Material Recovery Facility Supervisor. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)

Performs baling functions associated with material processing, which includes setting the controls for each type of recyclable material and monitoring these controls on the baler;

Does minor maintenance and assists with repair work and cleaning on baling and other material processing equipment;

Inspects recyclable stream for incompatibility with baler operations;

Operates bobcat, forklift, and other types of motorized equipment, as needed;

Monitors the quality of recyclable material and informs supervisors of incorrectly sorted material which is fed into the baler;

Notifies shift supervisor of irregularities in equipment or operations;

Fills in for shift supervisor, as needed;

Provides information to subordinate workers regarding processing on the baler;

Prepares a variety of records and reports related to the work on the baler area.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL

CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of the operation and maintenance of large machinery; good knowledge of recyclable material processing; working knowledge of occupational hazards and safety procedures concerned with operation of large machinery and motorized equipment; ability to operate motorized equipment; ability to perform manual tasks requiring good hand and eye coordination; ability to lift heavy weights; ability to keep records and make reports; mechanical aptitude.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Two (2) years of experience in the operation and mechanical maintenance of a material processing baler or other large manufacturing equipment with complex hydraulic, electrical or related systems.