



Director, Environmental Health and Safety

Passaic Valley Water Commission:

The Passaic Valley Water Commission (PVWC) is one of the largest and oldest water agencies in the Northeast. They are a public drinking water supplier owned by the cities of Paterson, Clifton, and Passaic. Their 225 employees supply water to nearly 800,000 people with demand averaging approximately 80 million gallons per day to the municipalities of Paterson, Passaic, Clifton, Prospect Park, Lodi, and North Arlington, and 22 wholesale customers.

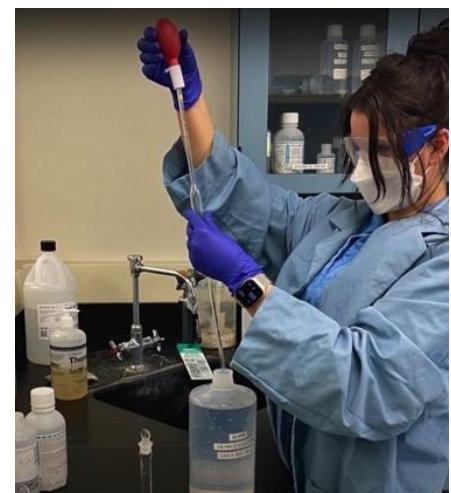
PVWC owns and operates the Alan C. Levine Little Falls Water Treatment Plant, which underwent an extensive upgrade in 2001 to use ozone technology for treatment. It was the largest drinking water treatment plant in the world employing this technology, and it remains a model for treatment operators from around the world to emulate. Their process is tuned for optimum treatment of the nature of their water supply to remove particulate matter, pathogenic bacteria, and organic contaminants.

PVWC has approximately 65,000 service connections. Their system also includes over 650 miles of mains ranging in size from 4 to 51 inches in diameter, 3,000 fire hydrants, a complete meter repair and testing department, two maintenance yards and warehouses, and a corporate office. They operate three finished water reservoirs with a combined storage capacity of 250 MG, and they are evaluating adding an additional 75 MG. PVWC has removed more than 34,800 utility-owned lead service lines since the 1980's, and their Lead Service Line Replacement program offers replacement solutions for customer-owned service lines.

PVWC is dedicated to the communities it serves. They know how important it is to provide their customers with high-quality drinking water, reliability, and service. They have been serving the citizens of Northeast New Jersey since 1849 and will continue to in the years to come.

Opportunity:

The Director, Environmental Health and Safety's primary responsibility is to manage and lead a comprehensive environmental, health and safety program to meet or exceed all NJDEP, NJDOH, PEOSH, EPA, OSHA and Department of Labor requirements for all PVWC facilities, staff and contractors. This hands-on leader will develop and mentor a team that works closely with operations, engineering, contractors and vendors to make PVWC a best-in-class utility for environmental, health and safety policies.



This internally and externally visible opportunity requires strong leadership and communication skills. The Director will be the main point of contact for multiple state and federal agencies, and they'll coordinate with the Joint Insurance Fund to meet all requirements for inspections and reporting. They'll work closely with other PVWC departments to coordinate and lead drills, and to gather data needed for reporting. They'll work closely with the Executive Director and other departments to prepare for upcoming projects, including the significant amount of construction PVWC will be coordinating to replace lead service lines in the distribution system and to eliminate their open-water supply reservoirs. The Director and their team will spend a significant amount of their time preparing reports, tracking data in Excel, and proactively developing new policies.



PVWC is classified as a major chemical facility by the NJDEP so the Director will regularly coordinate inspections of their treatment plant. They will manage and review PVWC vendor and consultant relationships for emergency response services. PVWC uses ozone to disinfect their water, so the EH&S team provides daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly inspection services. This person and their team will regularly test the integrity of their chemical storage tanks. Their yard has fuel trucks and they're in the process of removing their underground storage tanks, both of which require environmental reporting. The EH&S team is responsible for Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure plans, and PVWC's asbestos management plan. This person and their team will be responsible for renewing all air permits and certifying that all facilities are operating within permit specifications.



Ideal candidates will have Incident Command Services experience as their team will maintain and update emergency response plans. As the main point of contact for all regulatory agencies, including NJDEP, NJDOH, PEOSH, OSHA and the EPA, the Director will need to establish and maintain strong external relationships. This person and their team will be responsible for discharge prevention, containment and countermeasures (DPCC), and discharge, clean-up and removal (DCR) to ensure safe handling and storage of hazardous chemicals. They'll act as the Program Manager for hazardous material and extraordinary hazardous materials, including RCRA and TCPA obligations.



This is a critical role at PVWC. The Director and their team are responsible for proactively developing, implementing, and sustaining initiatives to ensure the health, safety, and security of PVWC employees, visitors and contractors, as well as PVWC's assets. They will create and lead training and communication programs to help PVWC employees and contractors understand their roles in protecting themselves, others, and PVWC assets. They will continuously measure and monitor metrics to track the performance of their programs.



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