

## EXCAVATING MACHINE OPERATOR

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under supervision, operates mechanical excavating equipment in the moving and removing of earth. General work assignments are made by a maintenance employee of higher rank and in most cases, discretion as to method is given to the operator in carrying out the assignment. Guidance and leadership may be provided to a small number of laborers and other equipment operators. Incumbents of this class are commercial drivers as defined under the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act and must meet the qualifications stated therein. Supervision may be exercised over a small number of lower level maintenance workers. Does related work as required.

### EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Operates dragline, clamshell and other excavating machines in moving and removing earth;

Dredges lakes, streams, and swamps; hauls mud;

Loads trucks and wagons with earth;

Covers refuse in a sanitary landfill;

Operates landfill compaction equipment;

Performs adjustments, minor repairs and maintenance on equipment;

Operates other motor equipment such as trucks, dump trucks and bulldozers;

Supervises laborers and equipment operators in excavating work;

Uses computer applications or other automated systems such as spreadsheets, word processing, calendar, email and database software in performing work assignments;

May perform other incidental tasks, as needed.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Thorough knowledge of the equipment and techniques of mechanized earth excavation; thorough knowledge of the accident and safety precautions of the trade; ability to operate various types of excavating machines; ability to perform routine maintenance work on such machines; ability to follow oral instructions; ability to use computer applications such as spreadsheets, word processing, calendar, email and database software; ability to read, write, speak, understand and communicate in English sufficiently to perform the essential functions of the position; physical strength; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Three years of varied experience in the operation or maintenance of mechanical excavating equipment.

NOTE: Must possess a valid New York State Commercial Motor Vehicle License with required endorsements. Under New York State Law, applicants for the CDL must be 21 years old.

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