Material Handler after 2nd Year
Hallsville, Texas (Pirkey Power Plant)

Description:

Position Summary:
Perform, or learn to perform maintenance on conveyor system, chute work and material handling system and operate mobile equipment to move coal, scrubber sludge and limestone. Operate and maintain dozers, trucks, loaders, and other heavy equipment moving coal, fly ash, bottom ash, and performing maintenance on conveyor system, chute work, and material handling system. Operate coal car unloading equipment and perform maintenance on unloading equipment.

Principal Accountabilities:

1. Perform cleaning work on the coal conveyor system, such as bunkers, runways, tripper room, belt decks, and tunnels.
2. Load, unload and handle coal, materials, supplies and equipment; where required, couple and uncouple railroad cars; set and release brakes, operate rail switches; signal locomotive operator when to start, stop, go forward or backward; and flag traffic at crossings. Haul and move materials, supplies and equipment; cleaning work of all kinds in, around, and on equipment, buildings, and yard; clean and remove ashes and debris; cut grass and weeds; dig ditches; work on tracks and track beds; replace light bulbs and similar unskilled manual tasks.
3. Clean and perform lubrication on all equipment including conveyors, pumps, large motors and gearboxes, crushers and feeders, and rolling stock.
4. Secure, identify and transport coal samples, as directed.
5. Operate automotive equipment.
6. Perform manual work.
8. Maintain equipment, tools and work areas in a clean and orderly condition.
9. Perform duties in accordance with Company’s safety rules, operating regulations and practices and report unsafe conditions and practices.
10. Report irregularities and abnormal conditions to the appropriate supervision.
11. Issue clearances, clear and tag equipment in material handling area.
12. Instruct and direct other employees assigned to assist.
13. Assist in training other employees.
14. Assist employees as required.
15. Operate equipment as required for cleaning purposes.
16. Perform similar or less skilled work.
17. Perform electrical and mechanical maintenance and new installations.
18. Troubleshoot electrical and mechanical problems.
19. Operate conveyor system from central control room and routes coal to plant silos, reclaim silos and storage pile. Responsible for maintaining sufficient level of fuel in silos to ensure unit reliability.
20. Move scrubber sludge from plant to landfill.
21. Shape and compact sludge pile using dozer, trucks, loaders, packers and water trucks.
22. Empty bottom dump limestone cars manually using sledge hammers and closing with pry bars, use loaders and trucks to haul limestone to storage, operate locomotive while off loading limestone.
**Requirements:**

High school degree or equivalent education and experience. A minimum of two (2) years industrial electrical, instrumentation or controls experience is required for this position. Associate degree in technical, electronics or electrical engineering tech field preferred.

**Residency Requirement:** Successful candidate must live within a (1) one hour distance under normal driving condition to the Pirkey Power Plant.

**Journey Level Requirements:**

Must have successfully performed the duties of Material Handler.

Must satisfactorily complete, in such time frames as may be established by the company, all required training.

Must have mechanical aptitude and be capable of working on a wide variety of equipment such as large motors and gearboxes, conveyors, pumps, hydraulic systems, electrical controls (troubleshooting and maintenance), calibration and maintenance of weighing and coal quality instrumentation and chute plugged switches, welding, cutting and fabrication, etc.

Should have 3,000 hours of power plant or related equivalent experience.

Must become familiar with the location and layout of coal-handling equipment.

Must be able to understand and follow instructions and practices.

Must be able to learn to use the tools and equipment required in the work.

Must have the physical capabilities to climb and work on or about plant equipment at various elevations.

Must comply with all safety rules and regulations.

Respond to callouts to maintain and support business operational needs and schedules.

Successful completion of the Power Plant Maintenance Selection System (MASS) test is required for this position. A review of Employment Testing Information, Test-Taking Tips, and the MASS Practice Test may be helpful. A link to these materials may be found at AEP.com Careers by selecting Employment testing.

**Minimum Starting Salary is $71,156.80**

**To Apply:**

We are accepting application through February 3, 2015. Please go to our web site at [www.aep.com](http://www.aep.com) for this position, as this is the only way we will accept applications.

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