

Winter is plant maintenance time as flocs and clarifiers get clean out/repairs



Winter is maintenance season in the treatment plant. Above, floc 3 stands empty on Feb. 22. Notice the new shaft on the paddle on the upper part of the image, where the cross beams have not yet been replaced. In the winter months, we clean out and make any repairs



to the paddles, drive shaft, chains or other parts in preparation for the upcoming production year. Flocs 1 and 2 were emptied and cleaned out in November and December. The round clarifiers are also empty and being cleaned out this month. Clarifier 1 is pictured above.

Internal postings for stores assist. and maintenance worker

The utility has internal openings for a stores assistant to work in the warehouse and a maintenance worker in the treatment plant. The positions are open to current city of Saint Paul employees who meet the Civil Service promotion rule.

Job applications for the stores assistant must be made online at stpaul.gov/jobs by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, while the maintenance worker position closes at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 15.

For full job descriptions, go to stpaul.gov/jobs.

Both positions are required to possess and maintain a valid Minnesota class D driver's license or equivalent out-of-state driver's license.

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Staff changes in production

The production division added a new employee as a water treatment plant operator II and transferred another in maintenance.



Tim Scott



Paul Scott

Tim Scott was hired Jan. 30 as a WTPO-II to fill the vacancy left in 2020 by the retirement of Jeff Wagner. Tim reports to Lucas Trossen.

Paul Scott has transferred to Jim Burchard's work group, continuing in his role as maintenance worker, effective as of Feb. 8.

Mark Cullen retires from SPRWS after 32 years of service

Mark Cullen is retiring from the water utility after more than 32 years of service.

Mark started work with the utility in 1988 as a water plant aide. He was promoted to carpenter in 1992 and worked largely in that position until his retirement.

From creating walkways over temporary water mains to making forms to fix conduits, Mark had a wide repertoire of skills.

He served on the taste and odor panel in the lab for several years, discerning scents and flavors of our raw and finished water, respectively.

A socially distanced farewell was held for him in the warehouse on Friday, Feb. 26.



Mark Cullen with his retirement cakes at his farewell on Feb. 26 in the warehouse.



Mark Cullen takes a sip of finished water while serving on the taste and odor panel in 1996.



Mark Cullen on a wooden form created to repair a conduit in 2002.



Mark Cullen using his carpentry skills in 2005.

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Applicants for both positions will be notified if they are invited to participate in the final selection process, which may include an interview, job simulation, work sample submission, or other evaluation method.

Stores assistant requirements:

- Two years of experience of clerical and word processing functions

For more information, contact Nastassia Leigh at 651-266-6476 jobs@stpaul.gov

Maintenance worker requirements:

- High school diploma or General Education Development Certificate (GED).
- Two years of experience as a water plant worker or equivalent experience
- Must possess a class D Water Operator Certificate issued by the Minnesota Department of Health by the time of appointment.

For more information, contact Anita Vue at 651-266-6523 or jobs@stpaul.gov.