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External Job Bulletin

Job Title: **Operator**

Department: Distillation

FLSA Status: Nonexempt

Location: Norfolk, NE

Posting Date: 4-23-22

Overall Purpose and Objective of Position: This position operates machinery for the cook/fermentation and distillation/evaporation and centrifuge areas of a dry mill ethanol plant. Primary functions are to collect samples, perform testing in the lab, and report test results to the Team Lead so that adjustments can be made to the equipment and processes in order to optimize plant efficiencies. This position is also responsible for complying with all applicable Company standards and government regulations.

Primary Responsibilities/Essential Functions:

- Operates cook/fermentation process equipment and distillation, evaporation and centrifuge machines, including testing and making adjustments to optimize plant efficiencies; handles bulk chemicals, enzymes storage and assists team members on the plant site.
- Performs Cleaning in Place (CIP) routines on all required process equipment including the distillation/de-watering areas.
- Conducts quality control tests on product streams; samples and tests products and enters data into the electronic data system.
- Follows procedures for plant start-up, shut-down, cleaning and batching.
- Operates the computer control system (DCS) for the plant.
- Complies with Company safety rules and wears proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as required in fulfillment of assigned responsibilities.
- Performs all required inspection rounds; records all visual damage and mechanical problems that occur while on shift.
- Ensures orderly shift change by communicating issues and/or ongoing tasks with incoming operators.
- Notifies Shift Supervisor/Team Leader and/or Production Manager of any production or safety problems.

Additional Responsibilities:

- Ensures work area is kept clean and free from safety hazards.
- Maintains accurate and timely production data logs.
- Reviews logbooks, inventory sheets and process computer prior to relieving the previous shift operator.
- Reviews collected data and makes adjustments to optimize plant operation.
- Attends meetings as required on toolbox maintenance, toolbox safety, benefits and other relevant topics.

Required Qualifications:

- 1 year of experience in an industrial processing facility or machine shop, **OR** 1 year of experience within an Ethanol processing facility
- Knowledge of, or ability to learn, operation of equipment and computer systems (DCS) while maintaining compliance w/ regulatory safety requirements, *e.g.*, OSHA
- Ability to work at heights of up to 125 feet and lift 50 lbs. or more w/ frequent bending, climbing and lifting
- Effective communication skills
- Ability to give directions with respect to equipment operation
- Successful completion of pre-employment screening (background check), physical and drug testing
- High School Diploma/GED

Preferred:

- Technical degree or professional certificate
 - Ethanol industry experience
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