

## State of Utah

## Pipeline Safety Engineer

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**SALARY** \$35.06 - \$39.00 Hourly LOCATION Salt Lake County, UT

JOB TYPE Full Time REMOTE Remote Only

**EMPLOYMENT** 

JOB NUMBER 40216 **AGENCY** 670 Department of Commerce

UNIT 7200 CRC DPU-PIPELINE SAFETY **OPENING DATE** 02/28/2024

**CLOSING DATE** 3/10/2024 11:59 PM Mountain FLSA Exempt

**RECRUITER** Tehra Gorski, tgorski@utah.gov # OF OPENINGS 1

**LOCATION** Division of Public Utilities - 160 East SCHEDULE CODE Career Service, 12-month probationary

> 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114 **DESCRIPTION** period

**SCHEDULE CODE** B - Competitive Career Service -**BENEFITS** This position is eligible for a full benefits

> package. See benefits tab below for Employment in this position requires a

probationary period. details.

**DRIVER LICENSE** Employees hired for this recruitment **EEO STATEMENT** The State of Utah is committed to equal

**REQUIREMENTS** will be subject to the Driver Eligibility employment opportunity regardless of race, color, ancestry, religion, sex, national standards found at the following link: https://adminrules.utah.gov/public/sea origin, sexual orientation, age, citizenship, marital status, disability, gender identity, or

rch/driver%20eligibility/Current%20Ru Veteran status. We also consider qualified applicants regardless of criminal histories,

consistent with legal requirements. For accommodations, dial 711 or TTY: 800-346-

4128.

## **Job Description**

Are you perpetually curious? Would you love to find a career that involves all the principals of engineering and allows you to be hands-on in the field? The State of Utah Department of Commerce has an entry level Pipeline Safety Engineer position open within the Public Utilities Division.

\*\*This position is eligible for full-time telework, for State of Utah residents. Most of the pipelines that we inspect are concentrated in the SL-Metro area and most of the field work will be in SL-Metro area. It would be practical for the applicant to reside within the commute distance of the SLC area. The selected candidate will be accompanying a more experienced engineer until all required training from the federal pipeline safety are passed.

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This position's function is to verify the safe operation of regulated intrastate natural gas and other pipelines in the state of Utah. You will accomplish this by performing pipeline safety compliance inspections, construction inspections and incident investigations. Due to the inspections taking place in all environments in the field, this work requires consistent physical exertion. You will be required to possess a valid Utah driver's license and be on-call one out of every three weeks. Eight-ten one-week training classes will be a part of the training process due to the technical nature of this position. These one-week training courses will be conducted by the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration (PHMSA) in Oklahoma City. Successful passing of these courses is part of the requirements during the probationary period.

## **Principal Duties**

You will accomplish most duties for this position using knowledge of engineering principles in conjunction with the federal and state pipeline safety code, rules, and regulations.

- Scheduling and conducting inspections/investigations.
- · Reviewing/inspecting operator records for quality, accuracy, completeness and compliance.
- Maintaining detailed inspection and investigation records, preparing reports, and fulfilling all administrative requirements.
- Conducting investigations of pipeline incidents and safety related conditions.
- Reporting findings, deficiencies, and infractions involving violations of federal/state laws, rules, and regulations.
- Administering/conducting tests or examinations and/or evaluating results.
- · Acting as an expert witness. Giving testimony and/or recommending in court cases and/or hearings.

#### The Ideal Candidate

Our ideal candidate is someone who:

- Has excellent interpersonal communication skills; the ability to communicate with people from all walks of life
- · Has a willingness to work independently in the field most of the time; doesn't want a desk job
- Is an active listener
- Is a team player
- Is analytical

## Preferences

Preference may be given to candidates with:

- A bachelor's degree in science or engineering, or equivalent five years of experience in a similar type of environment (monitoring and reporting of compliance with safety regulation).
- Science, engineering, and technical background in pipeline safety regulations, technology, and experience in enforcing federal gas pipeline safety regulations.

## Why You Should Join Our Team

We will provide you an opportunity to put your technical/scientific background to good use. Gas utility is a necessity for modern living and is going to be for the foreseeable future, but has the potential for great harm. In this position you will receive a reward beyond earning a paycheck, generous paid time off, and benefits. You will be improving safety for all and helping communities within Utah.

For more information about the State of Utah's compensation and benefits click here.

Division of Public Utilities is the monitoring agency for all the utilities in the state of Utah. One of the Division's statutory objectives is to "promote the safe, healthy, economic, efficient, and reliable operation of all public utilities and their services, instrumentalities, equipment, and facilities. The Pipeline Safety Section plays an important role in meeting this objective. The Pipeline Safety Section participates in enforcing the State's damage prevention laws by conducting investigations, educating operators and excavators, and supporting the Attorney General's Office's enforcement activities. In addition, through delegation from the federal government, the Pipeline Safety Section inspects intrastate natural gas pipelines for compliance with the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act and related federal and state legislation and regulations, and participates in related enforcement activities with the Attorney General's Office.

Visit our website with links to federal websites to learn more about pipeline safety regulations and what our division does.

#### Agency

**Department of Commerce** is the licensing and registration agency for Utah's professional and business community. We provide oversight of business registrations, trademarks, Uniform Commercial Code filings, professional and occupational licensing, consumer protection, **public utilities**, securities, real estate and residential mortgage lending. Visit our website to learn more about our agency.

#### **Benefits**

- Health Insurance Public Employee Health Program (PEHP):
  - 3 medical plan options. Choose a Traditional or High Deductible Health Plan. There is an Opt-Out Cash
     Benefit option for those that have other medical insurance coverage.
  - 5 dental plan options, with an Opt-Out Cash Benefit option for those that have other dental insurance coverage.
  - 4 vision plan options under EyeMed or OptiCare
- Retirement Utah Retirement Systems (URS):
  - Employees who have any service credit with an employer covered by the Utah Retirement Systems prior to 7/1/2011 are in the Tier I Public Employees System.
  - Employees hired on or after 7/1/2011 and who have never been in the URS retirement system have two
    options for retirement in the Tier II System.
    - Tier 2 Hybrid Retirement System. Employer contributes an amount equal to 10% of your salary between both plans (pension and 401(k))
    - Tier 2 Defined Contribution Plan. Employer contributes an amount equal to 10% of your salary to a 401(k) plan only.
  - Employer contributions to your 401(k) are vested after four years.
- Paid Time Off:
  - Annual leave and sick leave are accrued at 4 hours per pay period each (4 hours annual, 4 hours sick).
  - o Annual leave amounts increase with years of service.
  - We have 12 paid holidays.

## Supplemental Information

- Classification: Pipeline Safety Engineer (#43022).
- Please note, a position's eligibility for remote work is established by agency management and is subject to change at their discretion at any time and for any reason.
- DHRM rules apply for promotions/transfers.
- Risks found in the typical office setting, which is adequately lighted, heated and ventilated, e.g., safe use of office equipment, avoiding trips and falls, observing fire regulations, etc.
- Work requires physical exertion. May require the ability to stand; walk over rough surfaces; bend, crouch, stoop, stretch, reach, lift moderately heavy items (up to 50 lbs.) in a recurring manner and/or for long periods of time.

## **Benefits**

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The State of Utah offers eligible employees a variety of benefits including medical, dental, life and disability insurance, as well as a comprehensive leave program. Please click the following link for a detailed information page: Benefits. To access a Total Compensation Calculator in Excel format click HERE.

#### **FMLA General Notice:**

English (Download PDF reader) (right click + open link in new tab)

Español (Download PDF reader) (clic derecho + abrir en una pestaña nueva?)

# EMPLOYEE RIGHTS UNDER THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

## THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION

#### LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS

Elligible employees who work for a covered employer can take up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave in a 12-month period for the following reasons:

- . The birth of a child or placement of a child for adoption or foster care;
- To bond with a child (leave must be taken within one year of the child's birth or placement);
- To care for the employee's spouse, child, or parent who has a qualifying serious health condition;
- For the employee's own qualifying serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the employee's job;
   For qualifying exigencies related to the foreign deployment of a military member who is the employee's spouse, child, or parent.

An eligible employee who is a covered servicemember's spouse, child, parent, or next of kin may also take up to 26 weeks of FMLA leave in a single 12-month period to care for the servicemember with a serious injury or illness.

An employee does not need to use leave in one blook. When it is medically necessary or otherwise permitted, employees may take leave intermittently or on a reduced schedule.

Employees may choose, or an employer may require, use of accrued paid leave while taking FMLA leave. If an employee substitutes accrued paid leave for FMLA leave, the employee must comply with the employer's normal paid leave policies.

ees are on FMLA leave, employers must continue health insurance coverage as if the employees were not on leave

Upon return from FMLA leave, most employees must be restored to the same job or one nearly identical to it with

An employer may not interfere with an individual's FMLA rights or retailate against someone for using or trying to use FMLA leave, opposing any practice made unlawful by the FMLA, or being involved in any proceeding under or related to the FMLA.

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

BENEFITS & PROTECTIONS

An employee who works for a covered employer must meet three criteria in order to be eligible for FMLA leave. The employee must:

- Have worked for the employer for at least 12 months;
- . Have at least 1,250 hours of service in the 12 months before taking leave;\* and
- Work at a location where the employer has at least 50 employees within 75 miles of the employee's worksite.

\*Special "hours of service" requirements apply to airline flight crew employees.

# REQUESTING LEAVE

Generally, employees must give 30-days' advance notice of the need for FMLA leave. If it is not possible to give 30-days' notice, an employee must notify the employer as soon as possible and, generally, follow the employer's usual procedures.

Employees do not have to share a medical diagnosis, but must provide enough information to the employer so it can determine if the leave qualifies for FMLA protection. Sufficient information could include informing an employer that the employee is or will be unable to perform his or her job functions, that a family member cannot perform daily activities, or that hospitalization or continuing medical treatment is necessary. Employees must inform the employer if the need for leave is for a reason for which FMLA leave was previously taken or certified.

Employers can require a certification or periodic recertification supporting the need for leave. If the employer determines that the certification is incomplete, it must provide a written notice indicating what additional information is required.

#### EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITIES

Once an employer becomes aware that an employee's need for leave is for a reason that may qualify under the FMLA, the employer must notify the employee if he or she is eligible for FMLA leave and, if eligible, must also provide a notice of rights and responsibilities under the FMLA. If the employee is not eligible, the employer must provide a reason for ineligibility.

Employers must notify its employees if leave will be designated as FMLA leave, and if so, how much leave will be designated as FMLA leave.

## ENFORCEMENT

Employees may file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, or may bring a private lawsuit against an employer.

The FMLA does not affect any federal or state law prohibiting discrimination or supersede any state or local law or collective bargaining agreement that provides greater family or medical leave rights.



For additional information or to file a complaint:

1-866-4-USWAGE

(1-866-487-9243) TTY: 1-877-889-5627

www.dol.gov/whd

U.S. Department of Labor | Wage and Hour Division



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## **Agency**

State of Utah

## **Address**

4315 S. 2700 W., Suite 2100

Taylorsville, Utah, 84129

## Website

https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/utah

Pipeline Safety Engineer Supplemental Questionnaire
*QUESTION 1
The interview selection process is based on your answers to the application questions. Your answers to the questions on this application must be supported by your resume or work history otherwise you may not receive credit. Failure to answer the application questions completely and appropriately may result in disqualification. Please do not copy/paste a passage from your resume to answer the questions. "See resume" or "see work history" are not acceptable answers to any question. Do you understand and agree to follow the above statement?  Yes
○ No
*QUESTION 2
A strong preference will be given for a Bachelor's degree or higher in Science or Engineering. Please select the highest level of education or degree that you have completed (listed in order of our preference).  Bachelor's Degree or higher in Science or Engineering  Bachelor's Degree or higher  Associate Degree  High School or GED  None
*QUESTION 3
Have you obtained any certificates of training in pipeline safety regulations? (Not required.)
○ Yes
○ No
*QUESTION 4
If you answer yes to obtaining a certificate(s) of training in pipeline safety regulations, please list the details of the certificate(s) below. Type NA if you answered 'No' above.
*QUESTION 5
How many years of experience do you have working in an environment where you were monitoring and reporting on compliance with safety regulations.  None  Less than 5 years  5 or more years
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*QUESTION 6
How many years of professional experience do you have performing inspections or conducting investigations?  None
( ) Less than 1 year

1 - 2 years
3 - 4 years
5 or more years
*QUESTION 7
Please describe your experience to support your answers to questions #5 & #6 above. Response format for each question: EMPLOYER - MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY - DESCRIPTION. Type N/A if you selected None. *To ensure credit, include details of your experience to support both questions above within your description.
*QUESTION 8
From the list below, please select all the skills you've acquired during the course of your professional career.  Reviewing records and procedures for compliance with regulations.
Reading and applying regulations and procedures for any industrial or engineering processes.
Conducting investigative processes and documenting findings.
Preparing investigative reports and presentation.
None
*QUESTION 9
Please describe your experience to support your selection in question #8 above. Response format for each selection: EMPLOYER - MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY - DESCRIPTION. Type N/A if you selected None. *To ensure credit, indicate how long and whether you feel you've achieved proficiency in each of your selections from question #8.
*QUESTION 10
Have you passed the Fundamentals of Engineering exam?  Yes  No
*QUESTION 11
This position may require overnight travel for 8-10 weeks out of the year, and 60% of your time spent in the field (the only out of state travel will be initial training). Are you willing and able to fulfill this requirement?  Yes  No
*QUESTION 12
This position requires you to be on-call one out of every three weeks. You may be called out all hours of the night. Are you willing and able to fulfill this requirement?  Yes No
*QUESTION 13
Do you have a valid Utah Driver License and clean driving record?  Yes
○ No

Please indicate how you heard about this specific job posting.		
State of Utah job site (www.governmentjobs.com/careers/utah)		
Referred by a Friend or Family		
○ Indeed		
Other External Job Board or Site		
C LinkedIn		
O Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)		
OWS job website (www.jobs.utah.gov)		
Advertisement (Digital Ad, Billboard, Print, etc.)		
Professional Network (Association, Membership, Work Colleague)		
University Network (Handshake, School Job Board, Career Center, etc.)		
Contacted by a Recruiter		
Career or Job Fair		
○ Internship		
Interviewed for different position		
Internal communications (Agency/Division, etc.)		
○ Jobwise		
Other (not listed above)		
* Required Question		