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### Safety Inspector

Anticipated Starting Salary Range: \$54,000 – \$66,000

Starting Salary Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

Do you have a passion for public safety and service? Do you want the opportunity to travel extensively throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia and have a role in ensuring Virginia's critical energy infrastructure operates safely? The Virginia State Corporation Commission's (SCC) Division of Utility and Railroad Safety (URS) is seeking a Safety Inspector with those interests to join our team. This Safety Inspector position will be responsible for inspecting operators of pipelines that transport natural gas and hazardous liquids throughout Virginia to ensure that they are complying with the SCC's pipeline safety regulations and the Virginia Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act.

This position requires travel throughout the state (and occasionally outside of the Commonwealth) to perform a variety of different types of inspections including inspecting pipeline operators for compliance with regulations that address pipeline design, construction, operations, maintenance, emergency response, qualification of personnel, integrity management, investigating accidents, and other related topics. A Safety Inspector's day-to-day experience is unique as each day's work varies considerably and is not typically confined to a desk. The Safety Inspector position will spend time outdoors across the state for year-round inspections, with a portion of that work spent in office environments reviewing records and procedures for compliance. Flexible telework options

and independent work assignments allow for a rewarding work-life balance.

This position offers on-the-job training, and the candidate selected for this position will be required to successfully complete several introductory pipeline safety courses to become a qualified Safety Inspector. The pipeline safety courses are paid for and supported by the SCC (including travel and lodging expenses) and sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

#### Qualifications

- Experience in public safety (i.e. law enforcement, fire/emergency medical services, military, emergency management), gas or hazardous liquid pipeline safety, pipeline construction, damage prevention, and/or current PHMSA training qualifications.
- A bachelor's degree in a related field is preferred and is a minimum requirement in lieu of related experience.
- Ability to conduct inspections and investigations, analyze data, and thoroughly document/report results as well as suggest corrective actions.
- Ability to analyze and interpret laws, rules, and regulations.
- Ability to traverse rough terrain and travel extensively in and out of Virginia, including overnight travel.
- Ability to work and manage tasks independently.
- Ability to establish and maintain professional working relationships with SCC Staff, industry personnel, and the general public.
- Ability to comprehend and interpret complex policies and procedures, along with manufacturer's instructions for components and tools used in the pipeline industry.
- Ability to serve in an "on call" rotation with other qualified Safety Inspectors within the URS division.
- Exceptional verbal and written communication skills.
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office products.

#### SCC Information

Located in downtown Richmond, the [State Corporation Commission](#) (SCC) is an independent state agency with regulatory authority over public utilities, insurance, state-chartered financial institutions, investment securities, retail franchising, and utility and railroad safety, as well as serving as the state's central filing office for businesses. The SCC is also charged with administering Virginia's health insurance marketplace. The SCC's structure is unique. No other state has a single agency with such a broad array of regulatory responsibility.

The SCC offers our employees rewarding, impactful work; flexible telework options and work-life balance; and professional development opportunities. The SCC fosters a high-performing workforce with a commitment to diversity and inclusion, collaboration, and alignment with the SCC's mission and strategic goals. Core benefits provided to SCC employees include competitive health and life insurance programs, pre-tax spending accounts, leave programs, and paid holidays. Employees participate in a state retirement plan with options for tax-deferred retirement savings including employer matching. The state funds a short and long-term disability program. As a state agency, SCC employees may be eligible for the federal [Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program](#) (PSLF).

The SCC regulates various companies and industries in Virginia. To avoid any conflict, employees are required to complete a Conflict of Interest Form disclosing securities they or their family members own or

employment by a family member in a regulated company. Employees must dispose of securities in a regulated company.

The SCC prohibits immediate family members of an employee, including a spouse, child, stepchild, sibling, step- and half-sibling, parent, step-parent, or other household member of the employee, from working in the same Division or being in the same management hierarchy. In addition, the SCC prohibits romantic or intimate relationships among managers and employees in the same management hierarchy.

The SCC does not provide employer sponsorship. We use the E-Verify system to confirm identity and work authorization.

The SCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer. As a Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Certified Employer, we value and encourage veterans and members of the Reserves and National Guard to apply.

The information you submit must clearly demonstrate your experience and qualifications as they relate to this position. Interview consideration is based on the information submitted online. If requested, the SCC will provide reasonable accommodation to applicants in need of accommodation to provide access to the application and interview process. A background investigation is conducted on the selected candidate as a condition of employment.

This position will be classified in the [SCC Salary Structure](#) as a Grade P-7 or P-9 and is classified as non-exempt under the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

How To Apply

Interested candidates are strongly encouraged to apply by **January 22, 2026**.

Qualified internal and external candidates are encouraged to apply. If you are an external candidate, apply by clicking the Apply Now button on this page. If you are an internal candidate, apply using eSCC (Oracle) - iRecruitment Employee Candidate.

Minimum Salary **54000.00**  
Maximum Salary **66000.00**  
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