



WATER QUALITY CHEMIST

\$79,310.40 TO \$122,012.80 ANNUALLY, DOQ

Recruitment Opens May 5, 2026

Recruitment Closes Friday, June 5th at 5:00 PM





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POSITION SUMMARY

The District is recruiting for a full-time Water Quality Chemist to join the Water Treatment Laboratory Department under the supervision of the Laboratory Manager. Responsibilities include performing professional-level chemical and bacteriological water quality duties and responsibilities to support the water quality laboratory programs in pursuit of the District's objectives.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The following essential job functions are illustrative only and are not intended to be all-inclusive. Duties may be modified, added, or deleted at the discretion of management.

- Perform sampling and analysis in accordance with the District's Monitoring Plan and Colorado Primary Drinking Water Regulations.
- Perform professional-level chemical, bacteriological, and physical water quality analyses in support of laboratory and treatment programs.
- Operate laboratory instruments and equipment with accuracy and precision, including GC, GC/MS, IC, ICP-MS, and TOC analyzers.
- Conduct testing using approved EPA and Standard Methods, including but not limited to EPA 524.3, 552.2, 300.0, 200.8, and SM 5310.
- Produce compliance and special-purpose analytical data to support District efforts.
- Perform complex chemical, mathematical, and statistical calculations to evaluate analytical results and identify potential problems.
- Conduct and pass required proficiency exams annually to ensure valid Laboratory certification.
- Prepare for and participate in CDPHE Laboratory audits and Sanitary Surveys as required.
- Maintain accurate and up-to-date records of sampling, analytical results, investigations, customer complaints, and corrective actions.
- Assist the Laboratory Manager with daily laboratory operations.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WATER QUALITY CHEMIST

The Water Quality Chemist plays a mission-critical role in protecting public health and maintaining trust in the community's drinking water. This position is at the heart of our water quality laboratory, ensuring that every sample analyzed, every result reported, and every decision made meets rigorous regulatory standards and the District's commitment to excellence.

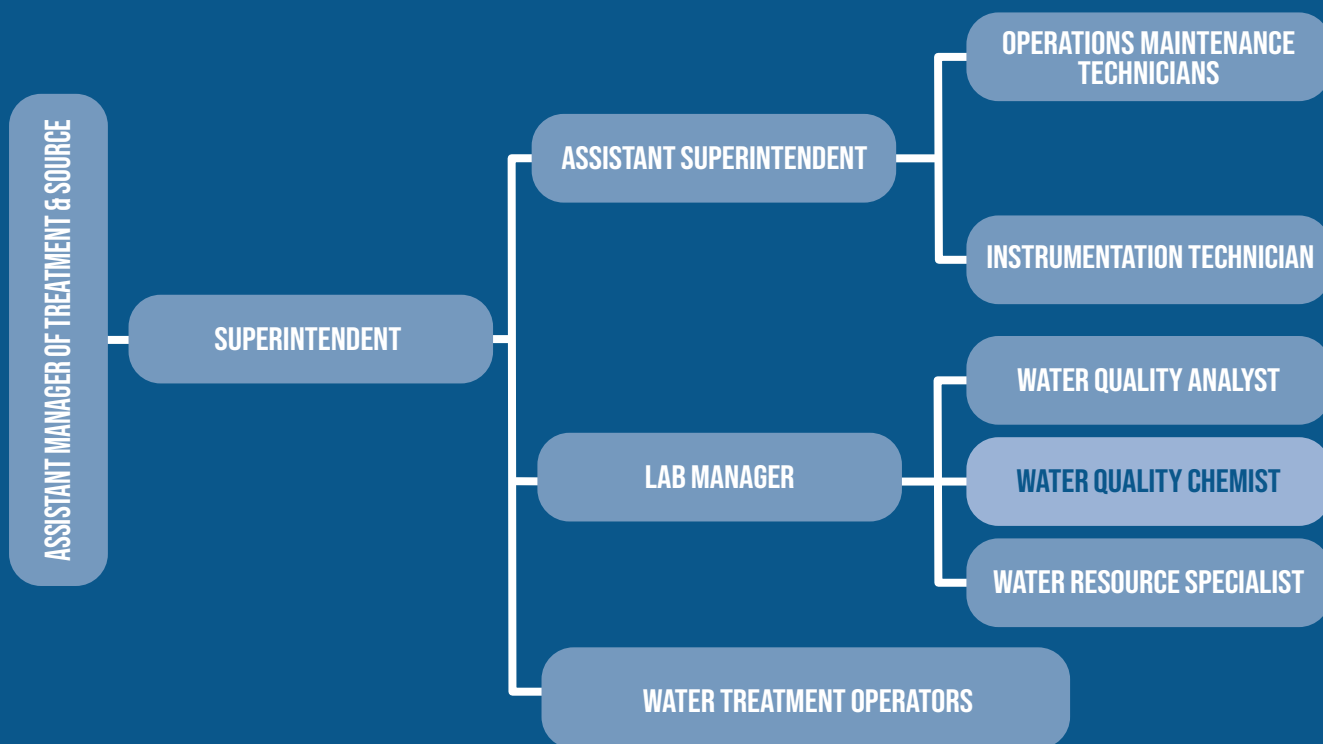
Working at a professional level, the Water Quality Chemist performs chemical, bacteriological, and physical analyses that directly support treatment operations and regulatory compliance. From operating advanced instrumentation such as GC/MS, ICP MS, and IC analyzers to applying EPA and Standard Methods, this role ensures the accuracy, reliability, and defensibility of water quality data. The position supports critical QA/QC programs, prepares for state audits and sanitary surveys, and contributes to method development and continuous improvement.

Beyond the laboratory, the Water Quality Chemist collaborates with source water specialists, treatment, distribution, and operations staff to monitor system performance, investigate water quality concerns, and respond to customer inquiries. This role supports laboratory administration, safety programs, and data reporting, providing leadership coverage as needed.

For those driven by purpose, this position offers the opportunity to apply technical expertise in the service of safe, reliable drinking water and a healthier community every single day.



WATER TREATMENT FACILITY ORGANIZATION CHART



PAY AND BENEFITS

This is an exempt position with a competitive benefits package. The pay range for this position is \$79,310.40 to \$122,012.80, depending upon qualifications.

REQUIRED

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in chemistry, biology, or a science-related field.
- A minimum of five (5) years of laboratory experience.
- A valid State of Colorado Class "D" Water Treatment Operator certification, or obtain such certification within two (2) years from the date of hire into the position.
- A valid Colorado Driver's License, in good standing, with insurability under District standards.

PREFERRED

- Water quality laboratory experience.
- Valid Colorado Certified Water Professional Water Treatment Operator D-A certification.

Any equivalent combination of certifications, education, or experience that provides the required skills, knowledge, and abilities of the position.



BENEFITS PACKAGE



Medical Insurance

3 Insurance plan choices, 2 of which 100% of the premium is paid by the District



Dental Insurance



Vision Insurance



Retirement

401(a) and 457(b) plans with employer match up to 10%



Supplemental Insurance



Life Insurance

Company paid and voluntary life insurances



Flexible Benefit Plan

\$600 annual employer contribution to Health Savings Account



Education Assistance



Paid Leaves

Statutory and other generous paid leaves



Employee Assistance Program

And more, including bonuses, on-the-job training, and department specific allowances and reimbursements.



HOW TO APPLY

Visit the District's careers page at www.utewater.org/careers to preview the Water Quality Chemist position's job description for details regarding the essential duties, responsibilities, and qualifications requirements.

Employment Application

Supplemental Questionnaire

The deadline to apply for this recruitment is Friday, June 5th at 5:00 p.m.

Please submit all materials either

In Person

2190 H ¼ Road, Grand Junction, CO 81505

Mail

PO Box 460, Grand Junction, CO 81502

Email

hr@utewater.org

The District is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The candidate selected for employment must possess a valid Colorado Driver's License with insurability under the District's insurance standards, complete a pre-employment drug screen, physical, background, and reference checks.

If you have questions regarding pay, benefits, the position, or the recruitment process, please contact human resources at (970) 242-7491 or hr@utewater.org.

WORKING AT UTE WATER

Why do we want the best water around? Because it's our water too. For 70 years, we've treated the snowmelt found on the Grand Mesa and a few other sources to make it the freshest we can. That's the absolute truth.

Founded by a group of farmers who fought to bring domestic water services to the rural areas of the Grand Valley outlying the Town of Palisade and City of Grand Junction, Ute Water Conservancy District (District) was founded to serve the community with clean, drinkable water.

Today, the District is recognized as the largest domestic water provider between Denver, Colorado, and Salt Lake City, Utah. 90,000 Grand Valley residents rely on our employees to provide them with high quality water and reliable service.

The process of capturing freshly fallen snowmelt from the Grand Mesa is one that makes the District unique and is admired by other water providers across the nation.

The Grand Mesa, also recognized as the world's largest flattop mesa, is the primary watershed for the District, and the gravity-fed system that delivers the pristine snowmelt to the customer's tap is unique to the District.

Knowing that some of the best water professionals play an integral role of delivering high-quality water to your tap makes our process one of the best around. Each drop of water that comes out of the tap has originated from the Grand Mesa and is brought to our customers by dedicated employees who help capture, move, treat, and distribute the water to our customers' homes.



THE GRAND VALLEY

Home of Ute Water Conservancy District

Named for its enviable location at the confluence of the Colorado and Gunnison rivers, Grand Junction is a special kind of crossroads – a joining of ancient and modern, rustic and refined, and nature and culture. Grand Junction provides experiences you will not find anywhere else in the world. With a population of 66,900, it is the largest city between Denver, Colorado and Salt Lake City, Utah. Grand Junction is home to the Colorado National Monument, the Grand Mesa, and a large section of the Bookcliff Mountain Range. Mild weather and sunny skies create endless opportunities to enjoy the outdoors with whitewater rafting, mountain biking, hiking, horseback riding, fishing, hunting, golfing, skiing, and snowboarding. Grand Junction is home to Colorado Mesa University and its 11,000

students, the Grand Junction Jackalopes, and the Junior College World Series.

Grand Junction is a laid back, friendly city with an authentic downtown mountain vibe where locals and visitors come together to enjoy local art, boutiques, restaurants, seasonal farmer's markets, and festivals. If you travel about 13 miles to the east of Grand Junction, you will find yourself in Palisade, Colorado's wine country, home to over 20 local wineries and the world-famous Palisade Peach.

With an abundance of opportunity for continuing education, recreation, shopping, wining, and dining, Grand Junction offers a culture that prioritizes family and community, making it a great place to live, work, and play.



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