



PVSC hires temp workers to help with post-Sandy damage

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The Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission has hired 10 temporary workers to apprentice in its maintenance and operations departments, as part of an ongoing collaboration with the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice and its Metro Newark Brownfields Training Program.

The majority of the workers are coming from PVSC's service district and largest ratepayer, Newark, according to a release from the commission.

"In the midst of the most recent devastation from superstorm Sandy, we have an urgent need for qualified technicians to help us restore the plant and resume critical operations as a result of the storm damage. This is a win-win for us and these men and women," said PVSC Executive Director Michael DeFrancisci in the release.

The positions will last a minimum of 60 days, and wage costs will be reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The assignments will be conducted throughout the PVSC main treatment facility in Newark and at other locations, if necessary, according to DeFrancisci.

"With the technical training and certifications this program provides, our participants have a real opportunity to earn a living wage and begin a lifelong career. Amidst an uneven, uncertain and unrealized recovery, these jobs provide a critical first step through a doorway of opportunity for men and women willing to work," said Cornell William Brooks, president and CEO of NJISJ, in the release.

PVSC, which operates one of the largest wastewater treatment plants in the country, serves more than 1.4 million people in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Passaic and Union counties.