

What are the facilities like?

- Facilities vary depending on location, town and province, however, accommodation is provided while the crew is working. Employees will either stay in camps or hotels depending on the location of the job.

Do you drive out to the site?

- 80% of the time you will be required to drive from point of rest (hotel, camp) to the job site - crews have company vehicles that provide transportation for crews to and from the jobsite. 20% you may be staying directly on the worksite, have bus transportation organized or be required to travel in a helicopter to the job site

Do you stay in camps?

- Yes. Camps are set up in remote areas where hotels are unavailable, or location of the camp is more feasible than staying in a hotel. Camps vary depending on the managing company, and location. All meals in camp are included; therefore the daily living allowance of \$40.00/day is not passed out. Camps include washroom facilities, recreation rooms (include exercise equipment, televisions, etc.) laundry, towels & bedding, and open kitchens.



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Careers in Seismic



Buried Facilities Locator (BFL)

Position Name: Buried Facilities Locator (BFL)

Description of Position:

- Uses information and maps from oil companies, as well as field evidence to determine the location of buried pipelines, cables, and other utilities
- Uses specialized equipment to find, track, and mark pipelines and buried utilities of all kinds
- Responsible for finding and documenting all pipelines and other utilities in the area of the seismic job
- Responsible for the training and safety of the locator’s helper
- A valid driver’s license is an asset and may be required by some companies in order to obtain employment. Potential candidates should also be aware that a driver’s abstract may be required.
- It should also be noted that some companies will require drug and alcohol testing prior to employment



Is a post-secondary education required?

- In order to achieve BFL certification, an individual must complete the three day Buried Facilities Locator – Basic course offered through Enform. Upon successful completion of this course, individuals are then required to successfully pass the two day Buried Facilities Locator – Seismic course. A minimum of 60 days field experience working with an experienced locator in the seismic industry and successful completion of the Buried Facilities Locator Basic course are required prior to taking this course.

What is the Career Path is there any advancement from this position?

- Upon completing the required training a person can go into various industries as a Buried Facilities Locator – such as Seismic, Telephone/ Communications, Pipeline, Gas, H2O, Sewer, Plants, Electrical etc.



Is there any training provided?

- Initial training for someone new to the industry may include but is not limited to:
 - Company orientations (review of company policies, procedures, expectations etc.)
 - Basic Safety Awareness (introduction to petroleum industry hazards, tasks, safe work procedures, emergency response planning, communication, tools, driving, etc.)
 - WHMIS (awareness training for Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System)
 - H2S Aware (awareness training for hydrogen sulphide gases including acceptable working levels, properties of the gas, safe procedures for working in around gaseous areas)
 - Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG)
 - First Aid/CPR
 - All Terrain Vehicle (ATV)
 - General Oilfield Driver Improvement (GODI) (awareness training for operating vehicles 5500 kg GVW and over)
 - Additional Seasonal Training may be included such as:
 - Wildlife Awareness (awareness training for dealing with wildlife- specifically bears in the spring/ summer and fall)
 - Cold Weather Awareness (awareness training for dealing with cold illnesses,

clothing, blizzard conditions, appropriate footwear, industry hazards)

Generally most companies will provide their employees with up-to-date training in order to keep their skills current and up to the industry standard. However the responsibility may lie with the employee or potential employee to obtain some training courses on their own time.



Hours Worked/Standard Shift Rotation:

- 12- 14 hours per day, seven days a week. Includes travel time to and from the jobsite as well as lunches and breaks
- Time off Rotation varies from 21 days on/4 days off, 24 days on/4 days off, 28 days on/7 days off



What is the range of pay:

- Starting wage for industry new comers is approximately \$150 - \$180 per day and a person with existing abilities would start at \$220 - 260 per day
- Most employers cover all accommodation costs while the employee is working, and a daily living allowance (Hotshot) of \$40.00/day is given to each employee to be used for food. When interviewing with companies it is best to inquire if this benefit is offered.