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Role: Mechanical Systems Specialist  
Duty Area 1: Mechanical Systems  
Duty 1.01: Maintenance

**Responsibility:**
Inspect and maintain mechanical systems to prevent future failures or restore to serviceable and acceptable operating conditions.

**Resources:**
Access to equipment, operating artifacts, schematics, and hand tools

**Performance:**

*Practical*
1. Adjusting:
   a. Aligning and leveling components
   b. Setting belt tension
2. Lubricating mechanical systems
3. Installing mechanical components

*Critical Thinking*
1. Conducting job safety analysis
2. Determining:
   a. When to make adjustments
   b. If components need lubrication
3. Verifying:
   a. Components to replace
   b. System and component operations

**Compliance:**
Full

**Evaluation:**
Equipment verification, observation
Role: Mechanical Systems Specialist
Duty Area 1: Mechanical Systems
Duty 1.02: Troubleshooting

Responsibility:
Trace errors within mechanical systems.

Resources:
Access to equipment, operating artifacts, schematics, and hand tools

Performance:
*Practical*
1. Exercising equipment
2. Checking inputs and outputs
3. Documenting findings

*Critical Thinking*
1. Verifying symptoms
2. Determining:
   a. System and component failures
   b. If failures require adjustments
   c. Replacement components
   d. When to escalate failures

Compliance:
Full

Evaluation:
Error verification, observation
Role: Mechanical Systems Specialist  
Duty Area 1: Mechanical Systems  
Duty 1.03: Planning

**Responsibility:**  
Formulate maintenance procedures for mechanical systems.

**Resources:**  
Access to equipment and workflow

**Performance:**  
*Practical*  
Documenting maintenance procedures

*Critical Thinking*  
Determining maintenance procedures

**Compliance:**  
Full

**Evaluation:**  
Plan verification
Role: Mechanical Systems Specialist
Duty Area 1: Mechanical Systems
Duty 1.04: Improvements

Responsibility:
Evaluate mechanical systems for improvements.

Resources:
Access to systems, original system design, system information, and user feedback

Performance:

Practical
1. Researching new technologies
2. Documenting and presenting proposed changes

Critical Thinking
1. Determining:
   a. Areas for improvement
   b. Technologies to optimize
   c. New technologies to deploy
2. Comparing current system design to proposed changes
3. Analyzing benefits and investments

Compliance:
Full

Evaluation:
Observation
Role: Mechanical Systems Specialist  
Duty Area 1: Mechanical Systems  
Duty 1.05: Standardizing

Responsibility:
Check Measuring and Test Equipment (M&TE) to ensure accuracy, repeatability, and reproducibility.

Resources:
Access to M&TE, standardization equipment or artifact, applicable specification, standardization procedure, and any related accessories.

Performance:
Practical
1. Taking measurements in accordance with standardization procedure
2. Cleaning and adjusting M&TE

Critical Thinking
1. Ensuring the artifact is in good condition and clean
2. Selecting correct standardization equipment or artifact
3. Interpreting measurement result
4. Evaluating potential sources of error

Compliance:
Full

Evaluation:
Measurement verification, observation
Role: Mechanical Systems Specialist  
Duty Area 1: Mechanical Systems  
Duty 1.06: Measurements

Responsibility:
Select and use appropriate Measuring and Test Equipment (M&TE) to measure mechanical system and component conditions in an accurate, repeatable, and reproducible manner.

Resources:
Access to hand-held M&TE and applicable specifications, system and component specifications, and any related accessories

Performance:

Practical
1. Taking measurements
2. Recording results of measurements

Critical Thinking
1. Selecting appropriate M&TE for measurement
2. Applying appropriate measurement technique
3. Determining need for traceability of M&TE
4. Interpreting measurement result
5. Evaluating potential sources of error

Compliance:
Full

Evaluation:
Measurement verification, observation