

Plant

operator

A day in the life ...

At the Penn West gas facility in the Mitsue Industrial Park near Slave Lake, plant operators work in shifts to ensure the facility is running properly and the natural gas is flowing to customers around the region. Operators have a variety of tasks, such as obtaining samples and readings, monitoring gauges and computers and maintaining equipment. To learn more about careers in well servicing, visit www.careersinoilandgas.com.



ABOVE & LEFT: Plant operator Brennan Grocholski started as a field production operator, driving around to different oil and gas well sites across Northern Alberta to monitor and maintain equipment. His job as a plant operator at Penn West now involves monitoring gauges and equipment inside and outside the company's gas facility at Mitsue Industrial Park.



ABOVE: Much of the work of a plant operator involves monitoring and analyzing computer readings from inside the control room.

LEFT: Grocholski says 95 per cent of his job involves routine daily tasks and five per cent is filled with action and excitement when dealing with the occasional emergency situation.