

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST III**DEFINITION**

Under general direction, performs routine to the most complex sanitary inspections and investigations in the enforcement of Federal, State, County, and local environmental health, safety, and hazardous materials laws, rules, regulations, and standards; serves in a lead capacity in a designated area of environmental health investigation and enforcement; provides administrative support for the Director of Environmental Health; provides training for other staff; and performs related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This is the advanced journey level in the Environmental Health Specialist class series. Incumbents in this class are registered Environmental Health Specialists and conduct a broad array of education, inspection and enforcement activities in all environmental health program areas, performing the most complex assignments. This class is also distinguished from the Environmental Health Specialist II classification by the requirement that incumbents are responsible to administer a designated environmental health program or programs, and provide supervision or lead direction to other staff.

REPORTS TO

Director of Environmental Health

CLASSIFICATIONS DIRECTLY SUPERVISED

Environmental Health Technician I/II and provides training and lead direction to other staff.

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EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

- The Environmental Health Specialist III performs a broad array of environmental health program activities including the most complex investigations as needed.
- The incumbent conducts inspections to secure compliance with Federal, State, and local sanitation laws and regulations and serves as a program specialist in one or more of the following program areas:
- Food and consumer protection, sewage disposal and liquid waste management, housing and institutions, land use, recreational health, water supply protection, solid waste management, public nuisances, hazardous materials management, underground storage tanks, vector and rabies control.
- Typical duties may include:
- Performs food facility inspections and advises food handlers and restaurant operators on correct methods of sanitation protection.
- Conducts environmental health surveys of communities and confers with local officials on sanitation problems.
- Makes inspections of public and private recreational facilities and swimming pools.
- Makes housing inspections to determine health and safety compliance with appropriate laws and standards.
- Takes water, sewage, soil, and waste samples and interprets data.
- Interprets environmental health laws and regulations for the public.
- Reviews plans for new subdivisions and recommends suitable water and sewage installations.
- Reviews and approves development and construction plans for compliance with Environmental Health regulations and standards.
- Conducts on-site evaluations of sewage disposal systems.
- Conducts studies and evaluates information regarding hazardous materials storage, treatment, disposal, reduction, and reuse.
- Initiates legal actions resulting from non-compliance by issuing a notice to appear in court, filing a criminal complaint, or scheduling an administrative hearing.
- Works with various environmental health committees.
- Conducts training of staff.
- Prepares and administers grants.
- Prepares and submits complex studies and reports.
- Conducts educational meetings with the public.
- Testifies in court as expert witness.
- Develops policies and procedures related to the specific program area assignment.
- Provides administrative support for the Director of Environmental Health.
- May administer the activities of a satellite office.

TYPICAL PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Sit for extended periods; frequently stand and walk; crawl through various areas on hands and knees; stand, walk, or crouch on narrow and slippery surfaces; climb ladders, stairs, and scaffolding; normal manual dexterity and eye-hand coordination; lift and move object weighing up to 25 pounds; corrected hearing and vision to normal range; verbal communication; use of office equipment including computers, telephones, calculators, copiers, and FAX.

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TYPICAL WORKING CONDITIONS

Work is usually performed in both an indoor and outdoor environment; some work is performed in varying temperature and humidity; exposure to high levels of noise; some exposure to dust; continuous contact with staff and the public.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

- Laws, rules, regulations, requirements, and procedures governing environmental health, sanitation, and hazardous wastes.
- Chemical, biological, physical, and environmental sciences.
- Principles and practices of environmental health and hazardous waste inspection, review, compliance, consultation and enforcement.
- Methods and procedures for inspecting and correcting unsanitary conditions.
- Sampling techniques and standards.
- Grant administration.
- Functions and operations of related local, State, and Federal agencies and community organization.
- Computerized Environmental Health database and information systems.
- Principles of project planning, coordination and direction.
- Principles of training and work coordination.
- Principles and practices of quality customer service.
- Methods and procedures of staff supervision and evaluation.

Ability to:

- Perform the full scope of environmental health and hazardous waste investigations and inspections with minimal guidance and supervision, as well as the most complex assignments.
- Perform special assignments and/or administrative support for the Director of Environmental Health.
- Provide training and work coordination for other staff.
- Collect, analyze, and interpret environmental data, reaching valid conclusions.
- Interpret, apply and develop policies, regulations, and procedures regarding environmental health inspections and compliance.
- Prepare a variety of technical reports.
- Provide instruction, guidance, and consultation in correction of environmental health problems and sanitary conditions.
- Operate a variety of office equipment and computers in the performance of environmental health inspections and investigations.
- Effectively represent Environmental Health in contacts with the public, and other agencies.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships.
- Organize, plan, and lead the activities of specific environmental health programs.

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Training and Experience:

Qualifications needed for this position:

Two (2) years of experience performing a variety of environmental health investigations and inspections equivalent to Environmental Health Specialist II with Plumas County.

Equivalent to graduation from a four (4) year college or university with a major in biology, chemistry, physics, environmental science, or a closely related field.

Special Requirements: Possession of valid Environmental Health registration issued by the State Department of Health Services.

Must possess a valid driver's license at time of application and a valid California Driver's License by the time of appointment. The valid California License must be maintained throughout employment.

Some positions may require special training and/or certification as necessary for the area of assignment.

All County of Plumas employees are designated Disaster Service Workers through State law (California Government Code Section 3100-3109). Employment with Plumas County requires the affirmation of a loyalty oath to this effect. Employees are Required to complete all Disaster Service Work related training as assigned, and to return to work as ordered in the event of an emergency.