

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN I

DEFINITION

Under close supervision, performs a variety of technical office and field activities in support of various environmental health programs including underground storage tank management, hazardous materials control, land use, water supply protection, liquid waste disposal, solid waste disposal, recreational health safety; and other related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This is the entry level position for the Environmental Health Technician series. Incumbents assist and support the activities of Environmental Health Specialists. Most assignments are performed in a training and learning capacity. When an incumbent becomes familiar with the full scope of office and field support assignments, demonstrates sound work habits, and has satisfied the training and experience requirement, they may be considered for promotion to Environmental Health Technician II.

REPORTS TO

Director of Environmental Health, Senior Environmental Health Specialist.

CLASSIFICATIONS DIRECTLY SUPERVISED

None

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EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

- Incumbents perform a variety of technical activities in support of environmental health programs including.
- Water and soil sample collection.
- Sanitary well seal inspections.
- Complaint investigations.
- Assists with special environmental health projects and investigations.
- Answers general questions and provides information to the public concerning environmental health activities and records.
- Establishes and maintains department data base information.
- Completes inspection notices and reports.

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.

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.

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DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

- Methods and procedures of record keeping.
- Methods of data collection.
- English usage, spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- Basic mathematical and scientific principles.
- Basic principles of environmental health.
- Pertinent Federal, State and local laws, codes and regulations.
- Modern office procedures and methods.
- Use of computers and software.
- Principles and practices of customer service.

Ability to:

- Perform technical sanitation and environmental health inspection work under close supervision.
- Apply Federal, State and local policies, procedures, laws and regulations.
- Investigate environmental health complaints.
- Use and care for mechanical instruments and tools.
- Interpret maps, charts, diagrams and drawings.
- Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with those contacted in the course of work, including the public.
- Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.
- Maintain accurate records.

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Training and Experience: Any combination of training and experience which would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the required knowledge and abilities would be:

Supplemental college level courses in chemistry, microbiology, mathematics or other general sciences is desired.

Special Requirements:

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