

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST II

County of Tulare

DEFINITION

To conduct inspections and investigations in the enforcement of environmental quality control and public health laws and regulations.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This is the journey level class in the Environmental Health Specialist (EHS) series. Incumbents of this class and registered Environmental Health Specialists and perform work of a difficult nature and work independently.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Supervision is provided by an Environmental Health Supervisor or higher-level department staff. Functional or lead supervision may be provided by an Environmental Health Specialist III.

DUTIES:

Conduct inspections of food handling and industrial establishments, water supply systems, sewage disposal systems, solid waste disposal sites, housing units, schools and public buildings, recreational and bathing facilities, underground storage tank systems, biomedical waste management, and air pollution sources to ensure compliance with state and local laws and regulations governing environmental quality control.

Recommend changes and give instructions for correction of deficiencies.

Note violations and secure voluntary compliance.

Issue written notices of violation or take steps to initiate legal action to enforce compliance.

Collect food, water, air, soil, and effluent samples for laboratory analysis.

Investigate violations and complaints regarding insect, rodent, animal and other public health nuisances.

Check for violations of agricultural and open burning regulations.

Instruct and make recommendations to individuals and groups in methods of control.

Collect evidence and appear as a witness in court.

Review and approve permits, building plans, and specifications of water, sewage, pool, underground tank control systems, emergency response plans and procedures, and waste handling systems.

Prepare reports and correspondence.

Maintain files on inspections and investigations.

Manage the investigation of food and vector borne disease

Use and maintain a variety of scientific precision measuring instruments.

Interpret laws and regulations and act as a resource person for private and public agencies

Keep records, prepare reports, and participate in special studies and surveys.

Attend meetings and training classes and make presentations regarding situations and programs.

Essential job duties may be assigned that are not listed above but are relative to this job classification. (Reasonable accommodation will be made when requested and determined by the County to be appropriate under applicable law.)

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum qualifications are used as a guide for establishing the education, training, experience, special skills and/or license which are required and equivalent to the following.

Knowledge of:

- Federal and State laws and regulations governing environmental quality control.
- Water and land use.
- Field test procedures.
- Methods and techniques for interviewing, investigating and conducting inspections and resolving pollution problems and health threats.
- Environmental research and statistical methods.

Skill/Ability to:

- Work and communicate effectively with people of various education and socioeconomic backgrounds by respecting beliefs, interpersonal styles and behaviors of both clients and co-workers.
- Operate contemporary office equipment inclusive of computer, keyboard, and all applicable electronic equipment.
- Implement new policies and procedures
- Establish and maintain records.
- Present technical information in graphic form.
- Read and interpret numbers on dials, gauges and meters.
- Instruct in the methods and procedures of sanitary inspection and correction of unsanitary conditions.
- Complete multiple priority projects with strict deadlines.
- Maintain confidentiality of patient/client information.

Education:

- Bachelor's degree in environmental health or related fields of science; or possess alternate qualifications per Title 17, Article 1, Section 7941 of the California Administrative Code.

Experience

- One (1) year of experience in an approved environmental health program.

License or Certificate:

- Certificate of registration as an Environmental Health Specialist issued by the California State Department of Health Services. Failure to maintain EHS registration will result in separation from county employment.
- Incumbents assigned to the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Program will be required to obtain the International Code Council (ICC) Certification within 12 months of their date of hire.
- Incumbents assigned to the CUPA Program will be required to obtain the Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act (APSA) Certificate within 12 months of their date of hire.
- Possession of, or ability to obtain, an appropriate, valid California driver's license.

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Supplemental Information
Overtime Status: Eligibile
Probation: Six (6) Months
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