

REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST

DEFINITION

Under general direction, to inspect and investigate environmental health conditions to enforce Federal, State, County and local environmental health and safety laws, ordinances and regulations; to obtain compliance or corrective action; to educate the public concerning environmental health and safety; and to do other work as required.

The Registered Environmental Health Specialist is a journey professional level class. Incumbents conduct a broad range of on-site inspections, investigations, consultations, and emergency response. May require additional licensing for appropriate specialty.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives general direction from the Environmental Health Director.

May exercise direction over technical and clerical staff.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES - Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Make inspection of food facilities, on-site sewage disposal systems, water supply systems, well construction, solid waste disposal sites, units for housing/dwelling, public buildings, organized camps, employee housing, and public swimming pools to obtain compliance with laws and regulations governing sanitary conditions.

Review and approve individual sewage disposal system permits and water well permit applications.

Investigate food borne disease outbreaks.

Interprets laws and regulations.

Recommend changes and give instructions for correction of deficiencies and violations.

Inspect commercial establishments, hotels and motels for adequate maintenance, sanitation, ventilation, use, and occupancy, and for proper garbage and refuse disposal.

Prepare reports.

May investigate rodent and insect infestations and instruct individuals and communities in methods of control.

Refers potential violations of hazardous materials regulations to appropriate staff.

Take samples and cultures of food and water, sewage and other materials for laboratory examination.

May respond to emergency calls pertaining to environmental health during work hours and non-work hours.

May prepare and present educational programs to public groups.

May input, access and analyze data using a computer.

May testify as a witness in court proceedings.

May provide consultative advice on Environmental Health

May be required to respond to a wide variety of incidents such as sewage spills/releases, well drilling mud (or other associated materials) releases, restaurant fires, drug lab discoveries, biomedical calls, potential terrorism acts (biological, chemical, and nuclear) and hazardous material releases.

May be required to have all the necessary training and certifications to perform the broad range of emergency response duties and are assigned to an on-call rotational schedule (seven days a week and twenty-four hours a day,

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Working knowledge of proven techniques and methodologies to conduct scientific and regulatory investigations.

Working knowledge of public water systems,

Working knowledge of hazardous materials management,

Working knowledge of housing inspection,

Working knowledge of solid waste management,

Working knowledge of plan check reviews.

Working knowledge of alternative sewage systems,

Working knowledge of land use,

Working knowledge of sensitive site and environmental condition reviews.

Working knowledge of health and safety codes.

Working knowledge of the principles of environmental health and sanitation.

Working knowledge of Federal and State laws, local ordinances and regulations governing environmental health and sanitation.

Ability to:

Analyze situations accurately and take effective action.

Establish and maintain cooperative relationships with others.

Prepare clear and concise reports.

Detect unsanitary conditions and public health hazards, secure corrective action through education or voluntary compliance or legal enforcement

Provide instruction in the methods and procedures of sanitary inspection and correction of unsanitary conditions.

Understand conditions and develop alternatives for soils and percolation problems.

Input, access and analyze data using a computer.

Make public presentations.

Assist the Environment Health Director as necessary.

EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING GUIDELINES:

Any combination of education and experience which would provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying, unless otherwise specified. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Experience:

No experience required beyond required registration as a Registered Environmental Health Specialist by the Californian Department of Health Services.

Training:

Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science or any combination of education and experience approved by the California State Department of Health Services.

LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE

Possession of, or ability to obtain, a valid California driver's license.

Possession of a valid certificate of registration as an Environmental Health Specialist issued by the California State Department of Health Services

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