

## HEALTH ENVIRONMENTALIST

**JOB TITLE:** Health Environmentalist

**GRADE:** 15

**JOB CODE:** 3006

**DATE:** 11/8/95

**GENERAL FUNCTION:** Under immediate supervision performs work of moderate difficulty while receiving training in the application of environmental health programs and in the enforcement of regulations through formal classroom training and on-the-job experience; may perform duties independently but with close monitoring by professional supervisory personnel; and performs related work as required. The training programs would consist of a required "core training program" where several aspects of the environmental health responsibilities would be defined. Program standards, applicable legislation and regulation would be reviewed, and technical and programmatic content would be presented.

### **CHARACTERISTIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Receives refresher training in chemistry, biology, geology, and other natural sciences applicable to environmental health; receives classroom training and situational assignments on the content and philosophy of environment health regulations; performs work in inspection and public contact situations with close monitoring by local and district supervisory professionals; receives frequent critiques of work methods.

Accompanies experienced health environmentalists on inspections of establishments and facilities, tourist accommodations, water systems, on-site sewage systems, schools, and swimming pools; performs initial inspections under immediate supervision.

Assists experienced health environmentalists in conducting comprehensive surveys to detect potential health hazards; receives training in the interpretation of data.

Accompanies health environmentalists in securing water samples, investigating nuisance complaints and other duties;

Inspects food establishments for compliance with state regulations pertaining to sanitation; checks food storage areas for cleanliness; observes food handling practices for proper hygiene; checks condition of food service equipment for proper operation cleanliness; checks garbage disposal and sewage systems for disease hazards; completes and discusses problem areas with the owner, manager, and recommends solution to the problem; conducts a follow-up inspection to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements; may conduct training classes for food service employees in proper food-handling techniques.

Performs regular inspections of tourist accommodations, schools, swimming pools, to ensure

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compliance with state and local regulations pertaining to environmental health.

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED:** Moderate supervision under standard operating procedures; incumbent occasionally can function autonomously, with supervisor available to answer questions.

**SUPERVISION EXERCISED:** No supervisory responsibility required.

**JOB SPECIFICATIONS:**

**Knowledge and Abilities:**

Good knowledge of the principles of chemistry, physics, biology, geology or other natural sciences applicable to environmental health and sanitation.

Working skill in communicating effectively, both orally and in writing; in performing arithmetic computations.

Working ability to learn to apply and explain rules and regulations in the area of environmental health; to learn techniques and procedures pertinent to the inspection of food service establishments, tourist accommodations, water systems, on-site sewage systems, schools, and swimming pools; to learn to identify and correct conditions that may cause environmental health hazards; to learn to use applicable testing equipment; to apply sampling or inspection procedures with consistency and objectivity; to work effectively with a wide variety of individuals; to learn to deal harmoniously with owners and/or managers in the correction of regulatory infractions.

**Minimum Education, Training, and Experience Requirements:** Four-year degree from a college or university, with a minor or equivalent course work (24 semester hours) in environmental health, biological or physical science. No experience required.

(Note: an individual upon employment must become registered under the provisions of KRS 223 prior to becoming a permanent employee)

**The intent of this job description is to provide a representative summary of duties and responsibilities that will be required of positions given this title and shall not be construed as a declaration of the specific duties and responsibilities of any particular position. Employees may be requested to perform job-related tasks other than those specifically presented in this description.**