

DHD#4 PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

Environmental Sanitarian I

NATURE OF WORK

This is the beginning professional level in the Environmental Sanitarian series. Employees evaluate and seek improvement of environmental conditions which could adversely affect the public health. Work comes to the employee by assignment and is performed under supervision of a supervising sanitarian, or Environmental Health Administrator. The work involves limited independent judgments and requires skill in working with the public. With considerable experience an Environmental Sanitarian I may be assigned the responsibility of a geographical area.

EXAMPLES OF WORK

Inspects and evaluates premises and establishments having public health significance, such as food service establishments, food vending machines, schools, public swimming pools, bathing beaches, hospitals, nursing homes, dwellings, work places, child care facilities, camps, mobile home parks, waste disposal facilities, private water supplies and sites of alleged public health nuisances.

Seeks to motivate owners, managers, occupants and other responsible persons to make improvements or corrections needed to prevent or abate hazards or to improve safety.

Issues and enforces notices to comply with state and local laws, ordinances and regulations.

Determines compliance with a variety of state and local laws, codes, ordinances and regulations related to public health, as well as eligibility for licenses where health is concerned.

Provides assistance and counsel to architects, engineers, managers, etc., with routine environmental problems.

Explains environmental health programs and principles to citizens and groups.

Prepares correspondence and reports pertaining to their activities.

Evaluates sub-surface soil conditions prior to issuing permits for private sewage disposal facilities, investigates causes of failures of existing systems, prescribes corrective measures and performs final inspections before concealment to assure compliance.

Performs related duties, as assigned by supervisor.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Basic knowledge of modern methods and practices of environmental health.

Basic knowledge of local and state laws, rules and regulations relating to environmental health.

Basic knowledge of the principles of bacteriology and chemistry as related to public health.

Ability to enforce regulatory provisions with firmness and tact.

Ability to present, explain and discuss the field of Environmental Health before public groups.

Ability to work effectively with other employees, officials, and the general public.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Possession of a baccalaureate degree in environmental health or in a related field of science or engineering.

Valid driver's license.

Use of insured personal car for official transportation.