

PUBLIC HEALTH SANITARIAN 3

KIND OF WORK

Consultative environmental health work.

NATURE AND PURPOSE

An employee in this class is responsible for providing consultation and technical direction in the area of general sanitation and environmental health. Work may involve enforcing established rules and regulations, coordinating the work for a staff of Public Health Sanitarians assigned to a specific area of the state, conducting training programs for new Public Health Sanitarians and conducting the more difficult and special investigations where specific engineering knowledge is not required. Some employees in this class provide technical direction and consultation to public health agencies in planning, organizing and operating local environmental health programs. There is wide latitude for independent action within the framework of established laws and procedures. General supervision is received from the central office environmental health staff.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (A position may not include all the work examples given, nor does the list include all that may be assigned.)

Assists the section chief in organizing, coordinating and monitoring activities of the district staff so that program objectives and priorities are met.

Assists the section chief in assigning responsibility for inspect of licensed establishments so that inspections are carried out on a routine basis and compliance with regulations is assured.

Assists the environmental field services staff in making sensitive and complex investigations of health related problems such as natural disasters, food born and water born illness so that the potential for disease outbreaks is minimized.

Develops and presents education programs for health care facilities personnel and MDH staff so that awareness of sanitation practices and procedures is increased.

Assists local health agencies with the organization and development of environmental health programs so that effective programs are established.

Assists local agencies with the operation of environmental health programs so that the quality of such programs is maintained.

Develops program models and uniform standards for environmental health programs to ensure uniformity among programs.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED

Knowledge of:

The principles and practices related to the recognition, elimination and control of environmental health hazards.

The controlling health laws, rules and regulations.

Ability to:

Organize, train, direct and coordinate activities of subordinate environmental health personnel and to train local environmental health personnel.

Understand, carry out and communicate oral and written instructions.

Establish and maintain effective working relationships with associates, representatives of other agencies and departments, and the general public, and to interpret department regulations, requirements and activities to them.

Detect and evaluate potential environmental health hazards.

Write reports and develop recommendations.

Provide consultation and technical assistance to municipal and county public health agencies in the areas of organization, development and operation of environmental health programs.

Evaluate local environmental programs and make constructive program recommendations.

Prepare model ordinances, program standards and criteria, and other supportive materials for development of local environmental health programs.

Prepare formal delegation agreements to facilitate the organization of local environmental health programs.

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