SANITARIAN 1

Nature of Work: Under direct supervision, performs entry level duties in the enforcement of environmental and public health sanitation laws. Acquires the knowledge, skills and abilities to conduct inspections, investigations, evaluations, and educational programs in environmental and public health sanitation. Public contact and considerable travel are required. Performs related work as required.

Distinguishing Characteristics: This level in the series performs professional trainee level duties in public health sanitation inspection, investigation and education. Participates in a sanitation training program. Provides a full range of services in food, milk and water sanitation, sewage and solid waste disposal, school and institutional sanitation, disease and rodent control and disaster sanitation. Work is governed by extensive guidelines, procedures, laws, regulations, rules and policies; and the use of standard techniques for evaluation and investigation.

Examples of Work
Conducts surveillance and inspections of bakeries, bottling plants, food service establishments, food processing and manufacturing plants, and ice plants not involved in interstate commerce, retail markets, school lunches, temporary food establishments, child care centers, group homes, hospitals, nursing and personal care homes, schools, jails, detention homes, labor camps, hotels, motels, mobile home parks, swimming pools, spas and hot tubs, bathing beaches, campgrounds, organized camps, hunting and fishing camps, resorts, parks, forests, playgrounds, marines, individual on-site water or sewage disposal systems, and sewage collection vehicles.
Conducts investigations of nuisance complaints; disaster sanitation; insect and vector control; rabies investigations; and investigations of solid waste storage and transportation facilities.
Responsible for the collection of indoor air quality samples, water samples, ice samples, food samples, milk samples and sewage samples.
Attends in-service training and other meetings, seminars and workshops pertaining to general environmental and public health sanitation programs.
Knowledge, Skills and Abilities
Knowledge of the principles and practices of chemistry and biology in relation to general environmental and public health sanitation.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (cont'd)
Ability to make objective evaluations and investigations and to interpret and apply regulations related to a variety of general environmental and public health sanitation problems.
Ability to speak effectively before groups on general environmental and public health sanitation problems.
Ability to establish effective working relationships with local government officials and the general public.

Minimum Qualifications
Training: Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university.
Note: Applicants with a major in public health, environmental health, environmental science, chemistry, biology, physical science or agriculture may be given preference in appointment.
Special Requirements: A valid driver's license and availability of an automobile for continuous use may be a requisite for employment. Upon hire, must register as a Sanitarian-in-Training with the West Virginia Board of Registration for Sanitarians.

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