

## **SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AIDE**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** This is public health work of a moderately complex nature involving a responsibility for performing a wide variety of duties related to detecting and monitoring environmental hazards (e.g. collection of air, water and soil samples, investigating complaints of rodent infestation, preparing specimens). The work differs from that of an Environmental Health Aide in the complexity of assignment and independence of judgment exercised. The work is performed under the general supervision of a higher-level administrator, and work guidance (e.g. lead work) may be provided to others. Does related work as required.

### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

Collects samples of air, water, soil, sewage and other materials for testing;  
Monitors unsatisfactory water remediation of public supplies and samples from private wells;  
Investigates rodent complaints and, with the use of rodenticides and traps, exterminates rodents;  
Tracks and monitors the use of rodenticides;  
Investigates animal bites and prepares specimens to be tested for rabies, including the removal of animal heads;  
Assists in the investigation of complaints and reports findings;  
Makes simple calculations in connection with the reduction, interpretation and plotting of raw data, as guided by a public health professional;  
Provides information for technical reports for professional personnel;  
Provides basic in-house and field training for newly-hired Environmental Health Aides;  
Prepares public relations materials for all environmental health programs, in accordance with departmental guidelines;  
May be required to do light lifting, such as transporting files and bringing card tables to clinics, etc.

### **FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Good knowledge of the principles and practices of air, water, soil and sewage samples collection; ability to accurately compile information gathered; ability to complete inspection reports of observations and make simple sketches or diagrams; ability to perform basic mathematical calculations; ability to establish and maintain cooperative relations with others.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma and two (2) years of work experience involving collecting air, water, sewage and soil samples and/or investigating complaints of an environmental health-related nature (e.g. rodent infestation or animal bites).

**PROMOTION:** One (1) year of permanent status as an Environmental Health Aide.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:** Possession of a valid driver's license or accessibility to transportation to meet field work requirements in a timely and efficient manner.