



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST III

Lassen County

Planning and Building Services Department

35.78-47.48/ hr

DOQ

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES Receives direction from the Director of Environmental Health Services and may direct the activities of lower level Environmental Health Specialists and administrative support staff. The primary duties include the following (all duties may not be performed by all incumbents):

- Performs a broad range of Environmental Health program activities including the most complex investigations.
- Conducts inspections to assure compliance with Federal, State, and local sanitation laws and regulations in all Environmental Health program areas and serves as a program specialist in one or more area including: food and consumer protection, sewage disposal and liquid waste management, housing and institutions, land use, recreational health, water supply protection, solid waste management, public nuisances, hazardous materials management, underground storage tanks, vector and rabies control.
- Conducts investigations of public or private sanitation-related nuisances or complaints.
- Performs food facility inspections and advises food handlers and restaurant operators on correct methods of sanitation protection.
- Makes inspections of public and private recreational facilities and swimming pools.
- Makes housing inspections to determine health and safety compliance with appropriate laws and standards.
- Takes water, sewage, soil, and waste samples and interprets data.
- Interprets Environmental Health laws and regulations to the public.
- Reviews plans for new subdivisions and recommends suitable water and sewage installations.
- Reviews and approves development and construction plans for compliance with Environmental Health regulations and standards.
- Conducts on-site evaluations of sewage disposal systems.
- Conducts studies and evaluates information regarding hazardous materials storage, treatment, disposal, reduction, and reuse.
- Completes reports on findings.
- Initiates legal actions resulting from non-compliance by issuing a notice to appear in court, filing a criminal complaint, or scheduling an administrative hearing.
- Works with various Environmental Health committees and groups.
- Assists with the development of Environmental Health policies and ordinances.
- Makes abatement recommendations and instructs communities in control methods.
- Establishes and maintains liaison with representatives of State, Federal, and local agencies and commissions.
- Assists in the dissemination of information about Departmental operations to promote general knowledge of community social services to the community; interpret local concerns, needs, and objectives to state officials, and community/political concerns to staff.
- Make public presentations before the Board of Supervisors, professional organizations, or public groups to provide information on Departmental programs and goals.
- Conducts training of staff.
- Testifies in court as an expert witness.
- Perform related duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS Education and Experience: To qualify for this classification, an individual must possess any combination of experience and education that would likely produce the required knowledge and abilities. A desirable combination is: Experience: Two (2) years of experience performing a variety of Environmental Health investigations and inspections equivalent to Environmental Health Specialist II with Lassen County (Environmental Health Scientist Range B with the State of California.) Education: Bachelor's Degree or advanced degree with a major in biological, chemical, physical, or environmental science, or a closely related scientific discipline is required. Admission to a master or doctoral degree program in biological, chemical, physical, or environment science, or a closely related scientific discipline shall be considered to meet these educational requirements.

HOW TO APPLY An application may be obtained from the Personnel Office listed below or by visiting Lassen County Personnel on our website at: <http://lassencounty.org>. It is your responsibility to provide specific, accurate, and complete information describing how you meet the minimum qualifications. Qualified applicants are invited to submit an official Lassen County application to: Lassen County Personnel Department □ 221 South Roop Street Susanville, California 96130