

UMATILLA COUNTY POSITION DESCRIPTION

Department: Umatilla County Public Health Position Title: Environmental Health Spec. III

Employee Name:			
Effective Date:			
Job Series:	С	Salary Range:	28
Union Covered:	Yes	BOLI Exempt:	No

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF POSITION

This position is designed to perform professional level Environmental Health Specialist duties. Including conducting surveys, investigations and assisting in the planning, promotion and carrying out of programs for the improvement of county sanitation standards as necessary to secure compliance with public health laws and administrative rules. This position functions as the technical lead for the domestic well water program.

SUPERVISORY RELATIONSHIPS

Works under direct supervision of the Environmental Health Supervisor. This position will not directly supervise any staff, but may direct and oversee the work of other team members, students, and volunteers.

PRINCIPAL DUTIES OF POSITION

Essential duties and responsibilities include the following and other duties may be assigned.

Primary tasks

- Assist in developing, implementing, and monitoring program goals, objectives policies, and procedures. (EE)
- Provide leadership, technical advice, and training to EHS I & II on team. (EE)
- Inspects wells for locations and construction; collects water samples; advises on cleaning methods. (EE)
- Provides technical support and education to residents regarding well testing results. (EE)
- As required, surveys public drinking water systems; promotes water supply improvement. (EE)
- Establish and maintain positive working relationships with employees, business owners and the general public. (EE)
- Maintains records of inspections and other activities; prepares reports and recommendations; completes reports for state as requested/required. (EE)
- As required by the department, issues or denies permits pursuant to established rules; inspects installations of completed systems for compliance; performs adequacy evaluations

of existing systems. Takes corrective actions as needed, according to county and state code. (EE)

• Performs related duties as required. (EE)

Secondary Tasks

- Inspects restaurants, mobile food units and temporary restaurants to assure compliance with the laws and rules; instructs food handlers on proper food handling procedures and equipment maintenance; participates in food handler classes required for certifications. Takes food and samples for laboratory analysis. (EE)
- Investigates complaints and disease outbreaks concerning food, water, animals, sewage disposal and communicable disease as required by law and with the assistance of other county staff as needed; takes necessary corrective/preventative actions. (EE)
- Inspects public swimming pools, spa pools, traveler's accommodations, and recreation parks and campgrounds for compliance with state laws and regulations; prepares compliance schedules and assists in arranging for necessary improvements. (EE)
- Reviews plans for proposed food service establishments, swimming pools, spa pools, tourist and traveler's accommodation and care facilities to assure compliance to rules; monitors and evaluates construction. (EE)
- If qualified, as required by the DEQ; conducts site evaluations for the determination of septic system design;
- Inspects care facilities and schools for food service, water supplies, sewage disposal, solid waste practices, and general cleanliness and safety; arranges for necessary improvements. (EE)

OTHER DUTIES OF POSITION

- Actively promote the mission of the Department. (EE)
- Assist as needed with grant applications and the acquisition for other UCo Health projects. (EE)
- Accreditation duties: actively participate as an accreditation team member, maintain a basic knowledge of Quality Improvement (QI) based on the Plan-Do-Check-Act (PDCA) model, and actively serve on QI teams and/or identify processes for improvement, as assigned. (EE)
- Other duties as may be assigned. (EE)
- Participate in occasional after hours or weekend events as needed, to include: conferences, community meetings, workshops, media events, and public health emergencies. (EE)

REQUIREMENTS FOR POSITION

- Registered Sanitarian/Registered Environmental Health Specialist (RS/REHS) in the State of Oregon within 30 days of hire. This certification must be maintained in good standing while employed in this position.
- Graduation from a four-year college or university with specialization in public health sanitation, bacteriology, chemistry, biology, entomology, or zoology, and two years of full-time, paid experience in environmental sanitation work.

- Considerable knowledge of the modern methods, principles, techniques and practices of environmental health; considerable knowledge of the laws and administrative rules governing the environmental health programs of the state.
- Ability to interpret and apply statutes, administrative rules, guidelines and ordinances
- Ability to conduct investigations, document finds, determine corrective measures and implement compliance schedules
- Ability to promote awareness of and participation toward the correction of public health problems among the general public
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with employees, business owners and the general public
- Ability to read, analyze, and interpret documents.
- Ability to apply advanced mathematical concepts and ability to respond effectively to the most sensitive inquiries or complaints
- Must be able to perform each of the essential duties satisfactorily.
- Possession of a valid driver's license with a good driving record.

ADDITIONAL DESIRABLE EDUCATION:

- Intro to Soils, Soil Geology, and Soil Morphology
- Bilingual Spanish

CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS:

- Registration as a Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) in the State of Oregon within 30 days of hire.
- Possession of a valid driver's license with a good driving record.

This position under State of Oregon mandates is required to provide proof of full COVID-19 vaccination or have an approved medical or religious exception as a qualification of employment.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential job functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to walk, sit, bend, talk and hear. The employee is required to use hands to finger, handle, or operate objects, tools, or controls; and reach with hands and arms. Employee must be able to safely climb stairs, walk on uneven ground and traverse irregular and steep terrain as a significant part of their regular duties.

The employee may occasionally lift and/or move up to 25 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision and the ability and adjust focus.

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT USED

Computer, including word processing, data base, Internet, Healthspace / Cloudsuite data system and spreadsheet programs; calculator, telephone, copy machine, fax machine and postage machine.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential job functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee works in an office environment; the employee often works in outside weather conditions. The noise level in the work environment is variable.

This description covers the most significant essential and auxiliary duties performed but does not include other occasional work which may be similar, related to, or logical assignment to the position.

The job description does not constitute an employment agreement between the employer and the employee and is subject to change by the employer as the needs of the employer and requirements of the job change.

Employee's Signature/Date