

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST

Primary Purpose: This is an entry-level, professional and technical public health position, promoting community environmental public health with responsibility to enforce public health laws and regulations.

Perry County Health Department is an equal opportunity affirmative action employer, as well as an at will employer. All services are provided on a nondiscriminatory basis.

Supervision: Under the direct supervision of the Director.

This description may not include all of the duties, knowledge, skills or abilities associated with this classification.

Description of Work:

Essential Functions-

- Preparation of reports; both written and electronically, for corrective measures and conducts follow-up investigations.
- Assists with inspection and surveillance of food truck carrier accidents, including but not limited to milk.
- Assists with inspections and enforcement of public health laws and regulations of both public and privately regulated facilities and establishments with respect but not limited to:
 - milk and food safety
 - safe water supply
 - on-site wastewater treatment
 - waste disposal
 - vector control
 - life safety
 - hazards in electrical, venting or plumbing installations
 - general sanitation
 - swimming pool operation
 - and any other related environmental issues.

Provides recall food information to retailers, and will follow up with them as needed.

- Provides technical advice to officials, property owners, and operators of plants and business establishments with regard to environmental public health regulations, requirements, policies and programs.
- Customarily and regularly exercises discretion and independent judgement.
- Continued education is required to inform, educate and empower people of Perry County, Missouri about health issues and best practices and for MICH certification requirements.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

- A Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum of **30 earned credit hours** in one or a combination of the following: Biology, Chemistry, Bacteriology, Animal Science, Food Science, Soil Science, Sanitary Science, Environmental Health, or in a closely related physical or natural science.
- Valid driver's license and auto insurance.
- Reliable transportation.
- Good effective communication skills, both written and verbal
- Computer skills.
- Must be able to work irregular hours as needed.
- Performs other related work as assigned

SPECIAL QUALIFYING EXPERIENCE:

(1) Food Sanitation and Protection; (2) Milk Sanitation; (3) Meat and Poultry Inspection; (4) Sewage Disposal; (5) Solid Waste Disposal; (6) Lodging Sanitation; (7) Institutional or Child Care Facility Sanitation; (8) Community Environmental Sanitation; (9) water supply; (10) General Vector Control; (11) Occupational Health; (12) Consumer Product Safety; (13) Fire Safety; (14) Hazardous Substance Risk Assessment; (15) Recreational Waters; and (16) Building Related Illnesses.

ABILITIES:

- Ability to analyze, prepare and maintain records.
- Ability to maintain patience and composure in dealing with the public.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective courteous working relationships with staff and management of Perry County Health Department, as well as governmental agencies and the public.
- Ability to grasp the knowledge of evidence-based decision making.
- Ability to understand and interpret basic data.
- Ability to learn, use and apply basic technology and computer skills.
- Ability to work as a member of a team in carrying out Perry County Health Department's stated Mission and Philosophy.
- Ability to perform essential functions of the job without posing a direct threat to Perry County Health Department and the safety of others.

ABILITIES:

- Ability to comprehend the knowledge of bacteriology, Chemistry, physics, biology, and other sciences as applied to environmental public health.
- Ability to comprehend the knowledge of the principles, practices, and terminology of environmental public health.
- Ability to comprehend the knowledge of relationships of environmental conditions to the general level of public and occupational health.
- Ability to comprehend the knowledge of sanitation and sanitary practices in the food industry and indications of potential sanitation and food safety hazards.
- Ability to comprehend the knowledge and interpret environmental public health regulations, requirements, and policies.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Perform bending and reaching to both ground level and overhead.
- Carry items up to 50 pounds, periodically.
- Hold and grip objects.

WORKING ENVIRONMENT:

- Working conditions will consist of a variety of settings indoors/outdoors. Time will be split between office and field work.

Indoor settings with heating and cooling regulated in a general office environment.

- There will be times, when subjected to extreme weather conditions; while working on inspections both inside buildings and outside.

MISCELLANEOUS REQUIREMENTS:

- Must provide transportation to off-site locations.
- Must be able to work irregular hours, as needed.
- Must complete annual program continuing education requirements as specified.
- Must complete continuing education as specified and required by MICH.