

Job Posting

April 11, 2024

Position Title: Sanitarian I
Pay Rate: \$22.19-26.18 per hour
Division: Environmental Health (Chippewa County Health Department)
Union: Non-union/Non-Exempt, Full-time

Job Summary:

Under the supervision of the Environmental Health Supervisor, inspects commercial, residential, and public locations in the county to enforce federal, state and county sanitation and environmental health laws to safeguard the public health. Issues or denies permits, investigates complaints of violations of environmental health laws and assists the public with complaints and questions regarding sanitation and environmental health matters.

EDUCATION, TRAINING, EXPERIENCE, CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE:

Education: Possession of a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Health or a related field.

Experience: This is an entry level position. No previous experience is required. Six-month probation period.

Other Requirements: Possession of a valid Michigan driver's license and reliable vehicle.

The qualifications listed above are intended to represent the minimum skills and experience levels associated with performing the duties and responsibilities contained in this job description. The qualifications should not be viewed as expressing absolute employment or promotional standards, but as general guidelines that should be considered along with other job-related selection or promotional criteria.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

1. Inspects and determines eligibility for required licenses and permits to operate food service establishments, Type II public water supplies, public swimming pools, campgrounds, waste disposal sites, child care institutions, tattoo facilities, and other businesses. Orders the correction of deficiencies and conducts follow-up inspections to verify compliance with corrective orders.
2. Consults with applicants for permits to construct on-site sewage treatment and disposal systems. Evaluates soil types and other site conditions for workable waste water absorption facility and authorizes or denies permits to install systems. Designs systems when issuing permit and inspects during or after construction for compliance with permit requirements and Sanitary Code provisions. Oversees projects that may be complex and require an engineered system to comply with requirements. Monitors innovative technology systems for sewage treatment.
3. Assists the general public in the office or by telephone with their complaints and questions regarding sanitation and environmental health matters. Gives advice on the prevention and resolution of problem matters and responds to complaints regarding potential environmental concerns.
4. Evaluates sites to determine suitability for water well development. Authorizes or denies permits for well drilling, consults on requirements for plugging abandoned wells, samples well water and interprets laboratory analysis.

5. Evaluates existing wells and on-site sewage treatment systems when evaluations are requested. Recommends corrective procedures or repairs, consults on reconstruction of defective or failing systems, and certifies findings to lending agency or institution.
6. May make site visits to facilities that store, handle, use, transport, or dispose of hazardous or potentially polluting materials. May make recommendations for compliance with appropriate hazardous material handling requirements.

(This is a partial listing. For the complete job description, please contact the health department.)

Physical Requirements *(This job requires the ability to perform the essential functions contained in this description. These include, but are not limited to, the following requirements. Reasonable accommodations will be made for otherwise qualified applicants unable to fulfill one or more of these requirements):*

- Walking over uneven terrain to inspect proposed subdivisions, campgrounds, and building sites.
- Uses shovels and hand augers to excavate soil.
- Climbing up and down ladders to enter basements, crawl spaces, and attics.
- Crawling in crawl spaces and under houses to inspect plumbing and well construction.
- Bends, stoops, and kneels to inspect food service establishments, sewage treatment systems, water well construction sites, and other locations.
- Ability to travel throughout the county to conduct inspections.
- Ability to enter and access information using a computer.
- Ability to carry and use inspection equipment such as computers, printers, shovels, and hand augers weighing up to 30 lbs
- Ability to verbally communicate with supervisors, co-workers, and the public, both in person and via telephone.

WORKING CONDITIONS

- Works in an office and outside in various types of weather conditions.

Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest, application and/or resume to Jill Schaefer, Executive Assistant, 508 Ashmun Street, Suite 120, Sault, MI 49783. Applications can be found at www.chippewahd.com. EOE.