

DESCRIPTION: Under limited supervision, provides advanced consultation services in all phases of sanitation relating to evaluation and operation of food facilities; performs related work as assigned.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS: (A position is assigned to this class based on the scope and level of work performed as outlined below.)

This is the final classification level of two in the Agriculture Food Sanitarian class series. Positions allocated to this class perform sanitation inspections and enforcement at a full performance, expert level. Incumbents provide guidance and mentorship to positions allocated to lower levels within the class series. Positions classified to the Agriculture Food Sanitarian I class perform routine sanitation inspections in standard settings.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (A position may not be assigned all the duties listed, nor do these examples include all the duties that may be assigned.)

Conducts routine and advanced inspections for sanitation and compliance with the Nebraska Pure Food Act.

Conducts investigations of fire, accidents and natural disasters in which food products are involved.

Demonstrates competency to apply proper and uniform interpretations of the provisions of the Nebraska Food Code (or applicable code) as well as the proper use of the related inspection report form.

Inspects food processors and warehouses under FDA Warehouse contract requirements.

Performs, with acceptable competency, state food service sanitation and administrative evaluations, using the current procedures for the Evaluation of Retail Food Protection Programs.

Trains new Agriculture Food Sanitarian I's in inspection procedures.

Promotes uniformity in the application of the Nebraska Food Code.

Presents food training seminars for the general public.

Evaluates food facility sanitary environment for compliance with minimum standards for certification and licensure.

Develops and studies new procedures in food inspection.

Directs and/or participates in studies, surveys, and public food service experiments and research related reports and recommendations.

Collects, codes and ships food samples to the State Agriculture Laboratory.

Serves as a specialist in sanitation services related to food facilities.

Consults with persons operating or desiring to start food establishments.

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Collects evidence to prepare testimony for use in legal actions involving the licensure and certification process.

Investigates complaints concerning sanitation to determine the relevancy of the complaints, reports any violations, and schedules follow-up review or other appropriate actions.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED: (These are needed to perform the work assigned.)

Knowledge of: the laws and regulations of food inspection; the Nebraska Pure Food Act; the principles and techniques of interviewing; basic laboratory testing procedures.

Skill in: presenting information before large groups; training others to perform tasks.

Ability to: interact with individuals to gain their confidence and to establish rapport; communicate with the public and businesses; interpret and apply policies, guidelines, rules, procedures and standards; analyze findings of field sampling studies; compare data with established criteria to determine similarities and differences and identify conformance with standards; make decisions regarding law violations and take action on non-compliance problems; work independently with little supervision; prioritize work in an efficient manner; compile and interpret inspection data; prepare accurate and concise technical reports; operate field laboratory equipment and specialized sampling equipment; work in inclement temperatures and in environments exposed to infectious diseases and toxic/hazardous substances.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: (Applicants will be screened for possession of these qualifications. Applicants who need accommodation in the selection process should request this in advance.)

Bachelor's degree with 30 semester hours in natural sciences and/or biological science plus two years regulatory experience. Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS).

SPECIAL NOTES:

Regular overnight and/or day travel outside the city of residence may be required of incumbents in this job.

Specific positions in this class may require an employee to possess a valid driver's license or the ability to provide independent authorized transportation in order to perform work-related travel.

State agencies are responsible to evaluate each of their positions to determine their individual overtime eligibility status as required by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).