INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST

JOB DESCRIPTION

Employees in this job function complete or oversee a variety of investigative, inspection, and consultative professional assignments to prevent occupational diseases and protect and improve the industrial health and work environment of the state labor force.

There are four classifications in this job.

Position Code Title - Industrial Hygienist-E
Industrial Hygienist 9
This is the entry level. As a trainee, the employee carries out a range of professional industrial hygienist assignments while learning the methods of the work.

Industrial Hygienist 10
This is the intermediate level. The employee performs an expanding range of professional industrial hygienist assignments in a developing capacity.

Industrial Hygienist P11
This is the experienced level. The employee performs a full range of professional industrial hygienist assignments in a full-functioning capacity. Considerable independent judgment is used to make decisions in carrying out assignments that have significant impact on services or programs. Guidelines may be available, but require adaptation or interpretation to determine appropriate courses of action.

Position Code Title - Industrial Hygienist-A
Industrial Hygienist 12
This is the advanced level. The employee may function as a lead worker or senior worker. At this level, employees are responsible for overseeing the work assignments of other professionals or have regular assignments that have been recognized by Civil Service as having significantly greater complexity than those assigned at the experienced level.

NOTE: Employees generally progress through this series to the experienced level based on satisfactory performance and possession of the required experience.

JOB DUTIES

NOTE: The job duties listed are typical examples of the work performed by positions in this job classification. Not all duties assigned to every position are included, nor is it expected that all positions will be assigned every duty.

Inspects and evaluates work operations, production methods, and engineering controls to determine potential contaminant emission sources or related health hazards associated with work place conditions.

Conducts investigations of working conditions in places of employment for the prevention of occupational disease and industrial health hazards, with specific reference to toxic substances, noise, and harmful physical agents.

Measures airborne concentrations of dust, gases and mists; uses air sampling instruments and collection devices.

Collects samples of work materials to detect and evaluate employee exposure to toxic substances.
Participates in special studies and monitoring programs to determine environmental conditions.

Examines, for approval, plans and specifications of proposed contaminant and physical agent control.

Participates in follow-up investigations to ensure corrective measures are carried out where required.

Keeps abreast of technology and current issues through seminars and training.

Performs related work as assigned.

Maintains records and prepares reports and correspondence related to the work.

May participate in the training of new staff members.

Reviews plans for health hazard control procedures.

Interprets rules and regulations to officials of industry and others.

Evaluates investigation findings, proposed corrective measures, and compliance with health rules and standards.

Consults with management, industrial engineers, employee representatives, and other agencies regarding industrial health problems and solutions.

Cites violators and appears in court as a witness, as required.

Participates in follow-up investigations to ensure corrective measures are carried out where required.

Examines, for approval, plans and specifications of proposed contaminant and physical agent control.

Participates in special studies and monitoring programs to determine environmental conditions.

Keeps abreast of technology and current issues through seminars and training.

Additional Job Duties

Industrial Hygienist 12 (Lead Worker)

Overssees the work of professional staff by making and reviewing work assignments, establishing priorities, coordinating activities, and resolving related work problems.

Industrial Hygienist 12 (Senior Worker)

Performs on a regular basis professional industrial hygienist assignments that are recognized by Civil Service as more complex than those assigned at the experienced level.

JOB QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

NOTE: Some knowledge in the area listed is required at the entry level, developing knowledge is required at the intermediate level, considerable knowledge is required at the experienced level, and thorough knowledge is required at the advanced level.

Knowledge of the fundamentals of chemistry, mathematics, physics, and engineering.

Knowledge of industrial processes, equipment, and materials used in the work place.

Knowledge of the principles of industrial hygiene and work place hazards.

Knowledge of scientific methods used in health hazard control.

Knowledge of the relationship between working conditions and health.

Knowledge of the techniques utilized in conducting industrial hygiene investigations.

Knowledge of the state's industrial hygiene program.
Knowledge of air sampling instruments, ventilation testing equipment and measuring devices for noise, lasers, and other physical agents.
Knowledge of state and federal statutes and rules concerning industrial hygiene, radiation, and air pollution.
Ability to organize and interpret field data and identify necessary corrections.
Ability to prepare clear, concise, and accurate investigative and narrative reports.
Ability to use testing and measuring equipment for noise, toxic substances, and harmful physical agents.
Ability to conduct studies and collect data to detect sources of industrial health hazards.
Ability to prepare legal notices of violations.
Ability to prepare cases for prosecution and appear in court as an expert witness.
Ability to communicate effectively with others.
Ability to maintain records, and prepare reports and correspondence related to the work.
Ability to maintain favorable public relations.

Additional Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities
Industrial Hygienist 12 (Lead Worker)
Ability to organize and coordinate the work of others.
Ability to set priorities and assign work to other professionals.

Working Conditions
Some jobs require an employee to work in some proximity to caustic chemicals in darkened and confined areas.
Some jobs require an employee to some risk of sustaining illness and injury from the use of chemicals, high-pressure laboratory systems, biological materials, and exposure to disease, radiation, and toxic chemicals.
Some jobs require an employee to work in an environment that involves exposure to unpleasant and noxious fumes and odors.
Some jobs require an employee to be exposed to hazardous work environments.
Some jobs require an employee to be exposed to inclement weather conditions.

Physical Requirements
None

Education
Possession of a bachelor's degree in the physical sciences, biological sciences, or engineering with a minimum of 20 semester (30 term) credits in one or a combination of the following: biology, chemistry, engineering, environmental health, health physics, industrial hygiene, physics, physiology, or toxicology.

Experience
Industrial Hygienist 9
No specific type or amount is required.
Industrial Hygienist 10
One year of professional experience in the prevention of occupational diseases and the protection and improvement of the industrial health environment equivalent to an Industrial Hygienist 9.

Industrial Hygienist P11
Two years of professional experience in the prevention of occupational diseases and the protection and improvement of the industrial health environment equivalent to an Industrial Hygienist, including one year equivalent to an Industrial Hygienist 10.

Industrial Hygienist 12
Three years of professional experience in the prevention of occupational diseases and the protection and improvement of the industrial health environment equivalent to an Industrial Hygienist, including one year equivalent to an Industrial Hygienist P11.

Special Requirements, Licenses, and Certifications
None

NOTE: Equivalent combinations of education and experience that provide the required knowledge, skills, and abilities will be evaluated on an individual basis.

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