



**Los Angeles County
Department of Human Resources**

***Class Specification:* ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN**

ITEM NUMBER: 5668

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DEFINITION:

Under close supervision, assists Environmental Health Specialists in performing routine tasks associated with the inspection and enforcement of environmental health and consumer protection laws.

CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS:

Positions allocable to this class receive administrative and technical supervision from a Chief Environmental Health Specialist and may receive lead supervision from an Environmental Health Specialist. These positions perform one of the following assignments: Incumbents assigned to a Countywide specialized environmental program perform routine surveys and assist Environmental Health Specialists in more complex assignments to identify and solve environmental health problems in areas such as the following: water and sewage, garment and laundry facility inspection, solid waste, water pollution, vector control and authority to collect invalid and revoked licenses and permits, issue violation notices to correct situations, and conduct re-inspections to ascertain compliance, which may impact upon public health and the environment, within the limit of their legal authority. Incumbents assigned to a District Environmental Services perform general surveys of the community to locate new establishments, verify appropriate licenses and permits, as well as review the routine complaint investigations. They issue orders to correct unhealthful situations, within the limit of their legal authority.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:

Conducts surveys of food establishments and housing, inventories and reviews Treasurer/Tax Collector documents in order to identify errors and discrepancies in permits and licenses issued.

Collects revoked or invalid licenses and permits.

Conducts routine complaint investigations such as the following: mosquitoes, trash, stables, and vacant lot problems.

Issues orders for clean-up if required.

Conducts initial surveys of laundries to ensure proper permits are exhibited.

Assists Environmental Health Specialists in routine environmental inspections of food establishments.

Inspects restrooms and trash facilities, relating findings to an Environmental Health Specialist.

Performs initial surveys for rodent presence.

Assists property owners in planning controls, selects, and on limited occasions may apply rodent poisons under supervision, and monitors progress of rodent control program.

Assists Environmental Health Specialists in routine inspections by securing and monitoring equipment being used to determine levels of noise, dust, carbon monoxide, formaldehyde, and illumination.

Provides materials to the public related to departmental regulations, policies, and procedures; reviews forms submitted by the public for completeness.

Diagrams facilities indicating areas where monitoring occurs, reporting findings to Environmental Health Specialists.

Conducts required live mosquito trapping and collects samples.

Assists Environmental Health Specialists in the plague surveillance program by trapping rodents, placing and maintaining dusting stations, and applying pesticides under supervision.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:

Completion of 12 semester units or the quarter unit equivalent in Chemistry, Zoology, Microbiology, or Biology from an accredited college or university.

LICENSE:

A valid California Class C Driver License is required to carry out job-related essential functions.

PHYSICAL CLASS:

3 - Moderate.