The Missouri Department of Natural Resources protects our air, land, water, and mineral resources; preserves our unique natural and historic places; and provides recreational and learning opportunities, while promoting the environmentally sound operations of businesses, communities, agriculture, and industry for the benefit of all Missourians.

Vacancy Notice

Vacancy Title: Environmental Scientist

Position Number: 4050023

City: Jefferson City

Division/Program: Environmental Quality / Environmental Remediation

Semi-monthly salary: $2,064.67 – $2,433.00

Posting Period: December 5, 2019 – December 19, 2019

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Job Description:

Detailed knowledge and experience with site assessment, data interpretation, risk assessment, and toxicology. Excellent writing skills, good verbal communication skills, good consensus building skills, good to excellent people skills. Thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of environmental science regarding petroleum leak response. Develop policy on risk based corrective action and guide its implementation. Oversee complex UST and AST cleanup activities. Lead technical person responsible for administration of applicable laws and rules relating to releases from petroleum above ground and underground storage tanks.

Job Duties:

- This position is responsible for the review of technical documents related to highly complicated and contentious sites.
- Responsible for the review of release investigation and corrective action reports to ensure consistency with tank law, the Missouri Risk-Based Corrective Action (MRBCA) Guidance document while protecting the environment.
- Acts as the MRBCA team leader, train and mentor staff develop a technical training program for the Tanks Section technical staff, and research and write procedures and technical documents as needed.
- Advise and coordinate with management regarding issues affecting Tanks Section including rule and regulation changes.
- Attend and/or lead public meetings, public speaking events, and public trainings.
• Attend site-specific meetings in place of the Environmental Supervisor as needed, participate in national workgroups, provide technical assistance to parties performing remediation and closure, implement management decisions while conveying a positive attitude to the public, and complete special projects.
• The work requires occasional travel for on-site visits, inspections, training and meetings.

Skills:
• Ability to operate personal computer and standard word processing, database, and spreadsheet software.
• Good physical condition for performing field work when required.
• Ability to travel/valid driver’s license.

Qualifications:
Applicants must meet one of the following eligibility requirements:

(The following minimum qualifications will determine eligibility. Allowable experience and education substitutions are provided below the corresponding minimum qualification statement; no other substitutions will be permitted.)

Two or more years of experience as an Environmental Specialist III, Water Specialist III, or Chemist III.

OR

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: Environmental Science or Technology, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Physical Science, Geology, Engineering, Agronomy, Forestry, Soil Science, Ecology, Wildlife Management, Agriculture, Animal Science, Natural Resource Management, Soil Conservation, Atmospheric Science or a closely related field; and,

Five or more years of professional experience in environmental protection, environmental or ecological assessment, environmental public health programs, wastewater/public drinking water inspections, or environmental program planning and coordination, including one or more years in a senior-level professional position in one or more of these areas of work.

(24 earned graduate credit hours from an accredited college or university in the specified fields may substitute for one year of the required general experience.)

(A Master's degree from an accredited college or university in the specified fields may substitute for two years of the required general experience.)

(Additional qualifying experience may substitute on a year-for-year basis for deficiencies in the required college education.)

Registration as a Missouri Certified Well Installer and Registered Geologist would be helpful.