

Vacancy Notice

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.

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Vacancy Title: **Environmental Specialist I/II/III**

Position Number: **ESP0076**

City: **Lee's Summit**

Division/Program: **Environmental Quality / Environmental Services Program**

Semi-monthly salary: **\$1,346.17 - \$2,159.00**

Posting Period: **August 27, 2019 – September 11, 2019**

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Job Description:

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is seeking an Environmental Specialist to serve as a State On-Scene Coordinator to respond to hazardous material releases and natural/man-made disasters in Kansas City area and northwest Missouri.

This is a critical hazardous substance spill cleanup position that is crucial in protecting the public, property, and environment. The successful candidate works with numerous local, state, and federal agencies and officials to ensure hazardous substance emergencies are mitigated and successfully cleaned up.

This position requires the successful candidate to be highly motivated, a self-starter, dedicated, and possess excellent written and verbal communication skills. In addition, a valid driver's license is required along with being able to pass a drug test.

The successful candidate must be able to operate scientific monitoring equipment, work in all weather conditions, wear respiratory protection, and distinguish colors. After hours work and travel is required from this position that is located in Lee's Summit, MO.

Job Duties:

- Provide on-scene response to environmental emergencies, manmade and natural disasters. Responses often include oversight of cleanup contractors and responsible parties, directing a state contractor, working with other agencies and the public

providing technical assistance and direction. Efforts may also include sample collection, air monitoring, initiating or completing cleanup activities, investigating abandoned containers of hazardous substances, and monitoring site safety. This work may occur both during normal business hours and occasionally after hours.

- Environmental emergencies can vary greatly and come with many uncertainties. Some examples may include working in close proximity to speeding traffic, managing sources of radiation and large quantities of chemicals and dangerous substances, handling mercury, identifying unknown chemicals and biological agents, flying in small aircraft, entering caves and mines, boating on large and small rivers, interacting with people who may not agree with the Department's position on environmental cleanup strategies, and seeing individuals who may have died or received trauma.
- Attend local emergency planning committee meetings, regional homeland security oversight committee meetings, and additional planning and response-related functions. These activities may include interfacing with fire department/ hazardous materials/homeland security teams, private industries, and other emergency response agencies to foster emergency planning, preparedness, and exercises.
- Support emergency and disaster planning within the department, which will involve working with the Department's Emergency Management Specialist or designated position.
- Understand the Department's Chapter 260.500-550 Revised Statutes of Missouri regulations and its application to responding to environmental emergencies.
- Coordinate/communicate with department management, regional office staff, and program staff concerning hazardous substance spills to the environment. Collect detailed documentation, take good notes, and take photographs at incidents for submission of timely reports for an incident.
- Become proficient with multiple pieces of monitoring and detection equipment and perform maintenance, calibration and inspection on equipment including personal protection equipment.
- Support the creation and maintenance of guidance documents and standard operating procedures relied upon within the section for operational consistency.
- Assist with the operation of the Clandestine Drug Lab Collection Station Program, which may include providing general oversight of the collection stations in the regions and/or statewide, maintaining regulatory compliance, ordering, warehousing and distributing supplies, providing law enforcement and fire service agencies training on how to safely identify and handle hazardous chemicals used in the illegal manufacturing of narcotics, and conducting other associated duties as requested.
- Ability to effectively communicate verbally and in writing with the public, regulated community, local, state and federal agencies, etc.
- Be committed to keeping trained on subjects related to the position whether the training event is local or out-of-state.
- Ability to work in an office while being remotely supervised and keeping on task with job duties while establishing a working relationship with the remote office staff.
- Manage a department provided purchasing card. Keep the statement organized and submitted according to policy. Purchase supplies, services, and equipment for the upkeep and operational readiness of the Department's Kansas City Regional Office Environmental Emergency Response staff.
- Conduct special projects as directed.

Requirements:

- Comply with current and future requirements of the Section's differential pay policy.
- Designated by the department as an Essential Employee, per the State's Hazardous Travel Policy.
- Good manual dexterity and physical condition for performing vigorous field work.
- Ability to work outdoors during adverse weather conditions.
- Ability to travel daily or overnight and to travel anywhere, generally, within the boundaries of the state.
- Ability to respond to local, area, and regional emergency operations centers to represent the department during declared disasters, exercises, and planning meetings.
- Possess and maintain a valid driver's license.
- Ability to pass a criminal background check.
- Ability to wear respiratory protection (APR and SCBA), which requires successful participation in a respiratory protection program. You must stay clean shaven.
- Ability to pass a drug screening and participate in any future drug and alcohol-testing program that may include intermittent testing (random/suspicion).
- Submit to a medical examination and be cleared for duty by the department's occupational health doctor.
- Ability to distinguish colors.

Qualifications:

Environmental Specialist I

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

(The following minimum qualifications will determine merit system eligibility. Allowable experience and education substitutions are provided in italics below the corresponding minimum qualification statement; no other substitutions will be permitted. These minimum qualifications may also be used to evaluate applicants for Missouri Uniform Classification and Pay System positions not requiring selection from merit registers.)

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.

Environmental Specialist II

One or more years of experience as an Environmental Specialist I, Water Specialist I, or Chemist I with the Missouri Uniform Classification and Pay System.

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,

Two 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.

Environmental Specialist III

Two or more years of experience as an Environmental Specialist II, Water Specialist II, or Chemist II with the Missouri Uniform Classification and Pay System.

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,

Four 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.

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

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

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