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PUBLIC HEALTH TECHNICIAN

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves responsibility for assisting Public Health Sanitarians and Engineers in carrying out the various elements of prevention and control programs affecting public health. Employees in this class are responsible for making inspections and carrying out specialized phases of the environmental health program in a municipal health department or agency. Duties involve gathering information for use by Public Health Engineers and Sanitarians in determining compliance with local and State Sanitary Code requirements. The work is performed under general supervision of a higher level technical or professional employee who reviews reports and provides advisory assistance as necessary. Supervision over the work of others is not usually a responsibility of employees in this class. The incumbent does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative only)

Performs routine and follow-up inspections of sanitary conditions of camps, hotels, lodging and boarding houses and other premises including semi-public or individual water supplies and sewage disposal devices, refuse disposal, air pollution, x-ray installations, public health nuisance complaints and general sanitation;

Performs routine and follow-up inspections of dairy farms and mild pasteurization plants, collects milk and water samples and otherwise assists in enforcement of local and State Sanitary Codes in relation to milk supplies and dairy products;

Performs routine and follow-up inspections of handling, display and storage of food in retail establishments;

Advises home owners and local officials on methods and procedures relating to insect and rodent control;

Performs routine and follow-up inspections of swimming pools and beaches to determine compliance with local and State Sanitary Code requirements;

Collects samples of drinking water for laboratory analysis to determine organic, inorganic and bacterial contamination;

Performs routine and follow-up inspections of restaurants and public eating places, including arrangements of food handling and storage, food service, dishwashing and disinfection of dishes and utensils;

Tests drinking water samples for chlorine content, Ph, hardness and alkalinity;

Inspects sites and advises homeowners on design of home sewage systems depending on varying soil conditions;

Advises home owners on bat control, including repellents and building improvement to prevent entry; May collect and delivery suspected diseased animals to State laboratories for analysis;

Aids home owners, local officials and commercial operators on proper sanitary operation of wells, pumps and water source protection;

Maintains records and completes inspection reports related to the work.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Working knowledge of basic principles and practices related to proper environmental public health inspection techniques; working knowledge of applicable provisions of the State Sanitary Code related to environmental public health inspections; working knowledge of general principles of biology, chemistry and general science; ability to establish and maintain cooperative relationships with the public; ability to understand and interpret written material; ability to solve arithmetic problems related to environmental public health inspections; ability to prepare accurate reports; skill in health inspection techniques; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Either:

- (a) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with an Associate Degree including a minimum of 12 semester credit hours in the physical and biological sciences; or
- (b) Satisfactory completion of 60 semester credit hours of academic education at a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university including a minimum of 12 semester credit hours in physical and biological sciences;
- (c) An equivalent combination of training and experience as defined by the limits of (a) and (b).