Department: In all Civil Divisions Classification: Labor (Pending Commission Approval) Grade: _____

VECTOR CONTROL AIDE

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is a subprofessional environmental health work in the specific area of mosquito and black fly control, involving the application of control procedures and techniques and the collecting of field information. The work is performed under the direct supervision of a Vector Control Technician, Vector Control Specialist, or other supervisor. An employee in this class may supervise Summer Interns. The incumbent does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative only)

Sprays swamps, woodland pools, ditches and impounded water areas with insecticides to control breeding of mosquito and black fly larvae;

Assists in spraying parks, wooded areas and along side roads with a variety of insecticides to control adult mosquito and black fly population;

Applies bacterial pesticides and other larviciding insecticides directly into flowing waters to control black fly larvae populations;

Identifies bodies of flowing and standing water and records location on area treatment maps;

Conducts periodic larvae mortality assessments;

Collects samples of mosquito and black fly larvae and adult flies at specified sites for population survey;

Assists in compiling landowner mailing lists and recording of consent responses;

Assists in the clearing of land, with saws and brush cutters, digging of ditches and construction of embankments to eliminate impounded areas as mosquito and black fly breeding sites;

Operates a variety of motor vehicles;

Does related work as required.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Ability to follow instruction; ability to work in wetland areas; ability to operate a motor vehicle; willingness to perform routine manual work; willingness to work under all weather conditions; stamina; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

None are required.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

Possession of a New York State motor vehicle operator's license at time of appointment.

NOTE: Employees in this class will be required to obtain a pesticide applicator certification issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, of which must remain current during the entire period of employment. Obtaining this certification requires passing a training course and examination.