

### **SANITARIAN**

**DEFINITION:** Under general supervision, performs work of considerable difficulty; administers, promotes and implements programs concerned with the prevention and elimination of environmental health hazards throughout the Navajo Nation; strictly adheres to established Federal and Navajo Nation health laws; performs related work as assigned.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:** This list is ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY and is not a comprehensive listing of all functions and tasks performed by incumbents of this class.

#### **TASKS:**

Plans, develops and executes environmental health program plans designed to identify, prevent and eliminate environmental health and safety hazards; enforces regulations governing food processing and serving, collection and disposal of waste, sewage treatment and disposal, plumbing, vector control, recreational areas and health facilities; assures food providers are in compliance with Navajo Nation Sanitation Codes and Federal Regulations; monitors business/non-business entities for compliance; determines degree of compliance.

Monitors hygienic conditions in nursing and convalescent homes; advises and assists community leaders, agency representatives, and others in improving and obtaining water supply extensions; confers with government, community, industrial and private organizations to promote environmental health program objectives; collaborates with other health personnel in epidemiological investigations and control; organizes and conducts training programs in environmental health and safety practices for schools and other groups; provides food handler's training; issues sanitation and itinerant food service permits.

Implements environmental surveillance activities to identify risk factors or actual disease occurrence according to Federal and Navajo Nation requirements; oversees sampling of public water systems for bacteriological, chemical or radiological quality as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act; ensures community water supplies, waste water treatment facilities and solid waste disposal sites are surveyed periodically; keeps abreast of environmental health legislation.

#### **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND OTHER CHARACTERISTICS:**

Knowledge of health, agricultural, physical or biological science.

Knowledge of basic concepts, principles, methods and techniques of environmental health.

Knowledge of health laws, rules and regulations.

Knowledge of various environmental health hazards.

Skill in analyzing and resolving issues and problems.

Skill in developing and implementing plans to eliminate or control environmental health and safety hazards.

Skill in establishing and maintaining effective working relationships.

Skill in communicating effectively in both oral and written form.

**PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT:** Work involves sedentary work in an office environment.

#### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- A Bachelor's degree in Environmental Health, Chemistry, Microbiology, Biology or in a related field; and three (3) years of inspection, investigative or other experience in environmental health and safety.

THE NAVAJO NATION

Class Code: 3039  
Natural Resources and Parks Series  
Environmental Sciences Group  
Overtime Code: Exempt  
Pay Grade: 66

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**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- A Master's degree in Environmental Health, Chemistry, Microbiology, Biology or related field.
- Licensed/Registered Sanitarian

**Supplemental Requirements:**

Incumbent must obtain Financial Management Information Systems (FMIS) Certification including 6B Procurement and Navajo Nation Vehicle Operator's Permit within 90 days of date of hire.

Depending upon the needs of the Nation, some incumbents may be required to demonstrate fluency in both the Navajo and English languages as a condition of employment.