



Toe River Health Environmental Health Specialist, REHS Position

Toe River Health is currently accepting applications for a full-time Environmental Health Specialist.

Position Summary:

This position promotes public health programs through education, surveillance, consultation, inspection and enforcement of state and local environmental health laws, rules, and regulations; inspects and analyzes existing and potential septic tank sites in complying with State and County regulations. Employees work with responsibility in a variety of environmental health programs, or as specialists with the majority of time spent in a single program area with some additional responsibility in other programs. Requires a thorough knowledge of biological and environmental chemistry as they apply to environmental health programs administered and the ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Perform routine inspections, visits and critical violation visits to ensure that food and lodging facilities, institutions, child care centers, schools etc. are meeting standards as mandated by state laws and rules in order to reduce the incidences and threat of food borne outbreaks.
- Enforce compliance with state, local and federal environmental and public health laws and regulations.
- Investigate environmental related complaints, health related nuisances, and reports of food borne illness and contaminated food in order to prevent the spread of communicable disease.
- Keep detailed and accurate inspection records as mandated by the state.
- Conduct soil/site evaluations to determine the suitability of the property for on-site subsurface wastewater disposal.
- Issue improvement permits and construction authorizations or denials based on site characteristics identified during the soil/site evaluation.
- Conduct installation inspections of septic tank systems to determine compliance with laws, rules, regulations and permit conditions.
- Advise property owners on the specific requirements for the proper operation and maintenance of on-site subsurface wastewater disposal systems.
- Evaluate existing septic tank systems for signs of overt or seasonal failures.
- Respond to citizen complaints concerning failing septic tank systems.
- Participate in educational courses offered to industry.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Working knowledge of environmental health laws, policies, procedures, statues, rules as well as job-specific program areas.
- Working knowledge of inspection methods and investigation techniques as applied in environmental health.
- Considerable knowledge of the design of on-site wastewater treatment systems, protection of private well water supplies, waterborne disease, vector control, food sanitation, foodborne disease, communicable disease, institutional sanitation, and swimming pool safety.

- Ability to exercise sound judgment and deal tactfully with a wide range of public contacts while enforcing public health laws and rules.
- Ability to independently plan and schedule work activities.
- Ability to motivate and educate business and property owners and the public in matters related to protecting public health.
- Ability to analyze and comprehend a wide variety of technical and administrative regulations, records and reports.
- Ability to work with people from every social, political, economic, and professional background imaginable.

Minimum Qualifications:

Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Health from an appropriately accredited university and one year of experience in environmental health; or Bachelor's Degree from an appropriately accredited university with 30 semester hours of course work in the physical or biological sciences and two (2) years of work experience in environmental health (if degree is not in Environmental Health, please submit a copy of transcript with application).

Must possess a valid NC Driver's License and have reliable transportation.

License or Certification Required by Statute or Regulation:

Must be eligible to meet the requirements for registration or license as an Environmental Health Specialist as outlined in Article 4, Chapter 90A of the North Carolina Statutes.

Schedule:

Scheduled work hours will be within normal health department hours, which are 8:00 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Friday.

Salary commensurate with experience. Excellent benefits package available.

Position Open till Filled

This position is subject to employment reference checks, drug test and background check.

Interested applicants can apply by submitting a NC State Application and resume to:

Toe River Health District

130 Forest Service Drive

Bakersville, North Carolina 28705

Attention: Human Resources OR Email to: glenda.shuffler@toeriverhealth.org

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