



## Job Class: Environmental Specialist 1

Job ID: 18906

**Who May Apply:** Open to all qualified job seekers  
**Date Posted:** 12/14/2017  
**Closing Date:** 01/18/2018  
**Hiring Agency/Seniority Unit:** Pollution Control Agency  
**Division/Unit:** North Biological Monitoring Unit  
**Work Shift/Work Hours:** Day Shift  
**Days of Work:** Monday - Thursday, 4-10+ hour days  
**Travel Required:** Yes - up to 100%  
**Salary Range:** \$18.66 - \$26.99 /hourly  
**Position Number:** 01117601 & 01117602  
**Supervisor:** Scott Niemela  
**Classified Status:** Full-time - Unclassified  
**Anticipated Start Date:** May 16, 2018  
**Anticipated End Date:** September 27, 2018  
**Connect 700 Program Eligible:** No  
**Location:** Brainerd  
**FLSA Status:** Non-exempt  
**Union:** MAPE

### Job Summary

This posting may be used to fill more than one Temporary Environmental Specialist 1 position in Brainerd.

Recon sampling sites; Lead a crew of 1-4 students to sample approximately 50 sites per year for fish, invertebrates, habitat measurements, stream channel condition, and water chemistry in order to assess water quality of Minnesota's streams.

Help maintain field equipment, train students, and keep field records. Enter and manage data on Agency computers; Calculate summary data for each monitoring site and conduct QA/QC. Assist in conducting preassessment reviews of data.

Work hours are typically Monday - Thursday, 10 hour days with overnight travel.

### **Minimum Qualifications:**

A Bachelor's degree in water related science or environmental protection, or related field.

OR a technical environmental degree (e.g., Natural Resources Technology A.A.S.) AND one year of technical/professional-level environmental protection experience;

OR two years of technical/professional-level environmental protection experience.

Ability to pass the MPCA fish identification test

Ability to work with data using Microsoft Excel and Access

Valid Driver's License

Requires a Class D Driver's License: a single unit vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of less than 26,000 pounds. This is a basic driver's license. Operators may also tow vehicles/trailers as long as the gross combination weight does not exceed 26,000 pounds.

### **Preferred Qualifications:**

Field experience sampling fish, invertebrates using MPCA standard operating procedures

Course work in ichthyology, fisheries science, aquatic invertebrates, water chemistry or habitat.

Leadership experience in prior work, civic or school projects

Familiarity with biological indicators of water quality

Experience with statistical packages and graphics

Experience and or course work using GPS and or GIS equipment and software

### **Physical Requirements**

Must be physically able to perform field work associated with monitoring projects. This may include loading/unloading vehicles and boats with field equipment, carrying equipment to sites, launching boats, or portaging canoes. Frequently may need to lift and carry approximately 50 pounds in the water or over land. Capable of moderate physical exertion in summer heat and sun.

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### **How to Apply**

To apply and for additional information about the application process go to <http://www.mn.gov/careers>. Search Pollution Control Agency Job ID #18906.

If you are unable to apply online, please contact the job information line at 651.259.3637.

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## Contact

If you have questions about the position, contact Jane Walton at jane.walton@state.mn.us.

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