



MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY

Job Class: Environmental Specialist 1

Working Title: Environmental Specialist 1 - Biological Monitoring Specialist

Job ID: 43038

Location: Brainerd

Full/Part Time: Full-Time

Regular/Temporary: Limited

Who May Apply: Open to all qualified job seekers

Date Posted: 12/23/2020

Closing Date: 01/25/2021

Hiring Agency/Seniority Unit: Pollution Control Agency / Pollution Control-MAPE

Division/Unit: EAO / WM North Bio Monitor Unit

Work Shift/Work Hours: Day Shift

Days of Work: Monday - Thursday 10 hour days

Travel Required: Yes - Up to 75% of the time

Salary Range: \$20.40 - \$29.50/hourly; \$42,595 - \$61,596/annually

Classified Status: Unclassified

Bargaining Unit/Union: 214 - MN Assoc of Professional Empl/MAPE

End Date: 09/30/2021

FLSA Status: Nonexempt

[Connect 700 Program Eligible:](#) No

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.

Anticipated dates for work are May 10th - September 30th.

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

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.

Driver's License Requirements:

A driver's license is an essential function of this position. This requires possession of an unrestricted Class D Driver's License. The job offer is contingent on confirmation of a valid driver's license AND a satisfactory DLR check.

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.

Why Work For Us

Our mission is to protect and improve the environment and human health. We work with many partners (citizens, communities, and businesses, all levels of government, environmental groups and educators) to prevent pollution, conserve resources, and to help ensure polluting does not have disproportionate impact on any groups of people.

The State of Minnesota offers a comprehensive benefits package including low cost medical and dental insurance, employer paid life insurance, short and long term disability, and pre-tax flexible spending accounts. We emphasize work-life balance, and strive to have inclusive workplace for everyone.

How to Apply

Click "Apply" at the bottom of the page. If you have questions about applying for jobs, contact the job information line at 651-259-3637.

For additional information about the application process, go to <http://www.mn.gov/careers>.

Contact

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

The State of Minnesota is an equal opportunity, affirmative action, and veteran-friendly employer. We are committed to providing culturally responsive services to all Minnesotans. The State of Minnesota recognizes that a diverse workforce is essential and strongly encourages qualified women, minorities, individuals with disabilities, and veterans to apply.

We will make reasonable accommodations to all qualified applicants with disabilities. If you are an individual with a disability who needs assistance or cannot access the online job application system, please contact the job information line at 651-259-3637 or email careers@state.mn.us. Please indicate what assistance you need.