Iowa Department of Administrative Services – Human Resources Enterprise
Classification Series Guidelines

Environmental Specialist Series

Classes in the Series

Class Code	Class Title
04513	Environmental Specialist
04519	Environmental Specialist Senior

Series Concept

Positions in this series may lead other professionals or perform professional environmental work. Such work includes the development, drafting, and implementation of concepts, rules and policies for state programs in areas of air quality, water quality, water supply, animal feeding operations, integrated solid waste management, chemical technology, hazardous waste technology, underground storage tanks program, biological/environmental management or geological and natural science. Employees in this series perform work in sanitation, evaluation, and regulation related to food service processing and storage, cosmetology and barber shops, and lodging establishments.

Exclusions

Non-supervisory positions performing professional work primarily in areas of radiological health should be classified in the Health Physicist Series.

Class Distinctions

Environmental Specialist

Positions in this class perform professional work in an environmental control program (e.g., air quality, water quality, water supply, animal feeding operations, integrated solid waste management, chemical technology, hazardous waste technology, a biological/environmental management program) or perform work in sanitation evaluation and regulation relating to food service, processing, and storage; cosmetology and barber shops; or lodging establishments. Assignments include inspections and evaluations ranging from simple to highly technical to complex.

Environmental Specialist Senior

Positions in this class develop and draft program concepts, rules, and policies for a state program, or perform lead work duties for a specific statewide or regional program area. Employees review inspection reports/permits and collaborate with the supervisor. Assignments include performance of the most complex/sensitive inspections, evaluations, or reviews/inspections in environmental control program areas (e.g., air quality, water quality, water supply, animal feeding operations, integrated solid waste management, chemical technology, hazardous waste technology, a biological/environmental management program). Positions identify/coordinate the institutionalization of integrated solid waste management principles into state programs/partnerships, coordinate integrated solid waste management evaluations at major industrial manufacturing facilities, or coordinate planning/ implementation of a statewide biological environmental management program.

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