



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

- This recruitment is available only to Thurston County employees and individuals on the recall/rehire list.
- This recruitment is open to the public.

POSITION TITLE: Environmental Health Specialist II	DEPARTMENT: Public Health and Social Services
CLOSING DATE: February 10, 2012, 5 p.m.	POSITION #: 4421-40-R-01197
SALARY RANGE: \$4,423.00 - \$5,883.00 / month	FTE: 1.0
EMPLOYMENT TYPE: Regular Full-Time	ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS: YES
CONTACT PERSON: Steve Petersen, Environmental Health Program Manager	PHONE #: (360) 867-2627
UNION: YES	

SUMMARY OF DUTIES:

This position will work primarily in the Onsite, Land Use, Drinking Water and Resource Protection program areas. Responsible for investigating and analyzing environmental health practices and policies for interpretation and enforcement of local and state health codes and laws. Duties will include: providing technical assistance in person and over the phone, including review of septic system, land use and water supply permit applications and plans, interpretation of laws and policies and receiving complaints; educating the public regarding septic systems; conducting surface water quality monitoring in fresh and marine settings; conducting sanitary survey and dye trace septic systems; documenting inspection results and preparing documentation needed for enforcement action for failing septic systems; building an onsite sewage system inventory for alternative and complex septic systems, requiring review of septic system records and plans; reviewing and analyzing existing sewage system policies, drafting proposals and making recommendations for consideration by department management and the Thurston County Board of Health. This position will perform field work up to 50 percent of the time. Work is performed in an office and outdoors. Employees in this classification may be exposed to a variety of weather conditions, walking in rough terrain, or boating in rough waters. Physical hazard may result from working in proximity of heavy equipment and inspecting deep excavations subject to cave-in. May be exposed to pathogenic bacteria. Heavy lifting in excess of 50 lbs. may be required.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor of Science degree in environmental health, biology, bacteriology, or a related field. Three years of professional environmental health work experience requiring extensive public contact. Experience must include three of the following program areas: sewage, food, water, vector control, epidemiology, solid waste, and hazardous waste; demonstrated ability to perform as a lead special projects manager within a single program area. Current Washington State Driver's License or have requested and obtained an appropriate accommodation. May be required to obtain a professional certification applicable to area of assignment (eg, Hydrogeologist, Waste Water Treatment System Inspection Certificate of Competency, Qualified Sanitary Surveyor, etc.). Must be recognized by the Washington State Sanitarian Registration Board as Registered Sanitarian within eighteen months of the date of hire. Ability to utilize a personal computer and related software packages to perform word processing, analysis, information retrieval and tracking.

DESIRED SKILLS:

Experience and knowledge in the following areas: soils and onsite sewage system regulations, permitting, and evaluation; communication skills and public speaking; on-site sewage system sanitary survey methods including dye tracing; providing technical assistance; water quality sampling, monitoring, and data analysis; performing water quality investigations.

SELECTION PROCESS:

To be considered for this position, please submit the following:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Interest |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Questionnaire | <input type="checkbox"/> Resume |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disclosure Form | |

Submit application package to: Thurston County Information Desk, 2000 Lakeridge Dr. SW, Olympia, WA 98502. Application package must be received by 5 p.m. on the closing date listed above. Postmarks will not be accepted.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

A separate application must be fully completed for EACH POSITION for which you are applying. Resumes may be used to supplement an application, but may not be used in lieu of completing the application form. Copies of applications will be accepted only with an original signature. If a supplemental questionnaire is required, it must be submitted with your Thurston County application by the closing date. Applications are available online at www.co.thurston.wa.us. Applicants selected for interviews and/or testing will normally be called or otherwise notified within two weeks following the closing date on the employment bulletin. If you do not receive notification during this time period, you should assume you were not selected to be interviewed and will not be considered further for this position. Due to the large number of applicants for most positions, unsuccessful applicants are generally not notified.



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Supplemental Questionnaire

1. Please describe your experience providing technical assistance to industry professionals and the general public. Please indicate the length of time of this experience and the average amount of field time. Please provide the names and phone numbers of two industry professionals you have worked with.
2. Please describe your professional knowledge and experience using local and state onsite sewage system regulations, including your experience evaluating site conditions and permit requirements for new or replacement on-site sewage systems.
3. Please describe the organizational and time management skills you have to offer a team, and explain how you developed these skills.
4. Describe your public speaking experience.
5. Please describe any experience or education you have conducting surface water quality investigations, on-site sewage system sanitary surveys or on-site sewage system dye trace investigations.
6. Describe your proficiency with each computer software program and data system, the type of work you performed, and how the data system was used to support it.