

LABORATORY ASSISTANT

DEFINITION:

Under limited supervision, conducts routine analysis of wastewater samples at the laboratory or in the field. Has primary responsibility for cleaning laboratory equipment. Performs other work as required.

TYPICAL DUTIES:

Collects wastewater and sludge samples. Performs routine physical, chemical and bacteriological analysis. Washes glassware and cleans laboratory equipment. Prepares chemical reagents and bacteriological media. Keeps records of tests and work performed. Operates a motor vehicle.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

Training and Experience

- 1) One year of college level chemistry, biology or related science. This must include classwork in a laboratory.

OR:

- 2) A high school diploma or equivalent and one year of practical work experience in a laboratory.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Working knowledge of arithmetic and ability to use the metric system in simple calculations. Ability to comprehend oral, written and graphic material. Basic knowledge of laboratory equipment and procedures. Good eyesight and color discrimination. Ability to maintain clear, concise records.

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES:

Possession of a valid Class III California Driver's License.

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