

**CLASS TITLE:**

**CHIEF OF GROUNDWATER  
AND WETLAND PROTECTION  
(DEM)**

**Class Code: 02518700**

**Pay Grade: 38A**

**EO: A**

**CLASS DEFINITION:**

**GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:** To plan and administer a statewide program involving the issuance of and oversight over environmental permits for the purpose of protecting the water resources of the state from uncontrolled or untreated waste water discharges to groundwater and certain adverse land disturbance activities, and preventing associated public health hazards; to coordinate with the planning, assessment, policy and enforcement entities within the department relating to water quality protection; and to do related work as required.

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED:** Works under the broad direction of the Assistant Director of Water Resources (DEM) with wide latitude for the exercise of independent judgement and initiative in carrying out the objectives of the program; work is reviewed and evaluated through periodic reports and conferences for conformance to laws, rules and regulations, and departmental policies and objectives.

**SUPERVISION EXERCISED:** Plans, organizes, coordinates, supervises and evaluates the work of professional, technical, sub-professional, and others engaged in the program.

**ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:**

To plan and administer a statewide program involving the issuance of and oversight over environmental permits for the purpose of protecting the water resources of the state from uncontrolled or untreated waste water discharges to groundwater and certain adverse land disturbances activities, and preventing associated public health hazards.

To coordinate with the planning, assessment, policy and enforcement entities within the department relating to water quality protection.

To plan, organize, coordinate, supervise and evaluate the work of professional, technical, sub-professional, and others engaged in the program.

To assist in the development of rules and regulations and to develop administrative forms and practices for the review for approval or denial of plans and projects which could impact the water resources of the state.

To supervise the technical representation by departmental staff on appeals of actions relating to the approval or denial of applications for environmental permits affecting the water quality of the state.

To administer the department's licensing programs relating to planning, designing, construction or operation of facilities or activities approved under the relevant permitting programs.

To do related work as required.

**REQUIRED QUALIFICATION FOR APPOINTMENT:**

**KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND CAPACITIES:** Knowledge of the federal and state laws pertaining to water quality protection and the ability to interpret and apply such laws; knowledge of regulations, policies, and practices of the department as they relate to the areas of freshwater wetlands, groundwater protection, in-ground waste disposal, and non-point source water pollution control; the ability to plan and administer a statewide program for the issuance of environmental permits so as to preserve and protect the state's water resources; the ability to develop laws and regulations and promulgate and administer same; the ability to plan, organize, supervise, and review the work of professional, sub-professional personnel engaged in said program; and related capacities and abilities.

## **EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:**

Education: Such as may have been gained through: graduation from a college of recognized standing with specialization in civil, environmental or sanitary engineering; and

Experience: Such as may have been gained through: employment in a responsible supervisory position in the field of civil, environmental or sanitary engineering with special emphasis on water resources protection.

Or, any combination of education and experience that shall be substantially equivalent to the above education and experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: At the time of appointment must possess a certificate of a Registered Professional Engineer issued by the Rhode Island State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and must maintain such certificate as a condition employment.

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