

**CLASS TITLE: CHIEF OF WASTE MANAGEMENT
(DEM)**

**Class Code: 02516700
Pay Grade: 38A
EO: A**

CLASS DEFINITION:

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: To plan and administer a statewide program to preserve, protect and improve the land resources of the state so as to promote the public health, welfare and safety, prevent injury or detriment to human, plant and animal life, physical property and other resources and to foster the comfort and convenience of the state's inhabitants; to administer the DEM solid waste control program; to formulate and administer a comprehensive program for the control of hazardous wastes and remediation of sites contaminated with hazardous materials; and to do related work as required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Works under the broad direction of the Associate Director for Environment Protection (DEM) with wide latitude for the exercise of independent judgement and reviewed and evaluated through periodic reports and conferences and conformance to laws, rules and regulations, and departmental policies and objectives.

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

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

To plan and administer a statewide program to preserve, protect, and improve the land resources of the state so as to promote the public health, welfare and safety, prevent injury or detriment to human, plant, and animal life, physical property and other resources and to foster the comfort and convenience of the state's inhabitants.

To plan and administer a program associated with the restoration of sites contaminated with hazardous materials.

To cooperate in research on the identification and effects of land and groundwater contamination.

To study data resulting from laboratory examinations of soil and water sampling taken in areas revealing the presence of a high percentage of one or more contaminants, and plan and direct surveys to determine the proper remediation of such contaminants.

To be responsible for drafting and implementation of office programs.

To conduct regulation hearings and make recommendations to the Associate Director for promulgation to charge parties or officials with specific violations of state laws and regulations, and suggest proper measures be taken to rectify problems causing violations.

To confer with federal officials and neighboring state officials to implement and coordinate programs relating to oil spill reductions and hazardous waste disposal site remediation.

To work with the US Coast Guard and US EPA respectively on oil spill prevention and Superfund site cleanups.

To direct a public information program addressing the remediation of sites contaminated with hazardous materials.

To propose legislation and prepare testimony for legislative hearings concerning subjects under the jurisdiction of the office.

To prepare the annual budget for the office including federal grant proposals.

To represent the department on statewide boards or commissions in related areas of expertise.

To do related work as required.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:

KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND CAPACITIES: A thorough knowledge of the principles and practices employed to preserve, protect and improve the land resources of the state; a thorough knowledge of the state laws and regulations as they relate to water pollution and solid and hazardous waste management, and the ability to interpret and apply such laws; the ability to testify as a witness in legal proceedings against violators of state laws and regulations; the ability to make recommendations of a technical nature for the institution of remedial action where illegal disposal is found; the ability to establish and maintain effective working relations with federal, state and local officials; the ability to plan, organize, supervise and review the work of professional and sub-professional personnel engaged in said program; the ability to effectively communicate in public the importance of the protection of water and land resources; 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 environmental engineering, chemical engineering or chemistry; and advanced study at the graduate level in sanitary or environmental engineering; and

Experience: Such as may have been gained through: employment in a responsible supervisory position in the field of environmental engineering with special emphasis on groundwater protection, solid waste management or hazardous waste management. Or, any combination of education and experience that shall substantially equivalent to the above education and experience.

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

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