



COUNTY OF ERIE  
POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT  
AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

**POSTING DATE:** JANUARY 27, 2012

**CLOSING DATE:** FEBRUARY 10, 2012

**TITLE:** ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SPECIALIST I **GRADE:** 207

**DEPARTMENT:** PUBLIC HEALTH

**BARGAINING UNIT:** AFSCME PROF

**ENTRY RATE:** 14.68/HR 28626/ YR

**HOURS PER WEEK:** 37.50 Evening and weekend work may be required. Alternate work schedule will be applied. Must have use of personal vehicle.

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**PROCEDURE TO APPLY:** Please read the **County of Erie Job Application Procedures** before applying. Those wishing to apply for this position shall submit a County Employment Application and a Bid Form stating their qualifications to the Personnel Department at the Erie County Court House, Room 501, Erie, PA 16501. Apply Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

APPLICATIONS AND BID FORMS CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE INTERNET BY GOING TO THE ERIE COUNTY WEB SITE AT [www.eriecountygov.org](http://www.eriecountygov.org) AND THEN CLICK ON JOB OPPORTUNITIES. COMPLETED FORMS CAN EITHER BE MAILED TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS OR FAXED TO 814-451-6484.

**THE COUNTY OF ERIE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. MEN AND WOMEN OF ALL MINORITY AND NON-MINORITY GROUPS INCLUDING INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.**

**ALL NEW HIRES ARE SUBJECT TO A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK.**

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**MINIMUM EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:**

A Bachelors degree with major course work in a biological or physical science, chemistry or in a field closely related to environmental protection.

**CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT**

The selected candidate will be **pre-employment required** to obtain, at their own expense, 3 forms of clearance, including PA State Police Criminal History Record Check; PA Child Abuse History; and FBI Criminal History Background Check including finger printing. **This pre-employment requirement applies to all County employees exercising their bumping/bidding rights.**

**NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:**

Possession of a valid automobile operator's license.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS and ABILITIES:**

Knowledge of the basic principles of chemistry, bacteriology, biology, physics and mathematics. Some knowledge of the basic methods and techniques used in gathering and analyzing data. Skill in the use of inductive and deductive reasoning. Ability to learn and recognize hazardous

environmental conditions. Ability to express ideas clearly and concisely in oral, written and graphic form. Ability to secure and analyze facts and to conduct inspections of hazardous environmental conditions. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with associates; government, professional and nonprofessional groups; and the public. Sufficient physical stamina to conduct field investigations in rough terrain and/or under adverse environmental conditions and the availability to travel out of Erie County as required by the agency.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Conducts inspections of streams, water and waste treatment facilities, recreational areas, bathing places, mobile home parks, pollution complaints, food service facilities, municipal waste facilities and nuisances; reviews supporting data for rule, regulation or permit compliance; drafts technical reports with recommendations. Participates in vector surveys and prepares reports. Responds to hazardous materials incidents. Performs related work as required.

The above statements reflect the general details considered necessary to describe the principal functions of the job and shall not be considered as a detailed description of all the work requirements that may be inherent in the job.

**DEFINITION OF CLASS:**

This is beginning-level technical work in the field of environmental protection. An employee in this class performs a variety of beginning level environmental protection work in specialized fields, such as food service sanitation, water pollution control, safe drinking water, solid waste, schools, bathing places, recreational areas, nuisances and hazardous materials. Assignments are selected to provide experience and training in the practical application of the principles of environmental protection. Initially work involves tasks of limited scope, but as technical proficiency is acquired, increasingly difficult duties are assigned. The employee's freedom to act is limited to fulfilling well-defined assignments. Supervision is received from higher level specialists who provide detailed instructions and guidance on new work; however, employees are expected to exercise independent judgment in carrying out assignments as experience is gained. Work is reviewed by higher level specialists and supervisors.

