



OHIO RIVER VALLEY WATER SANITATION COMMISSION

JOB DESCRIPTION

Title: Biologist I

FLSA Status: Exempt

Reports To: Technical Programs Manager

Date Revised: March 2022

Job Summary:

Under the general supervision of the most senior staff biologist (III or IV), and the direction of the Technical Programs Manager, the Biologist I is responsible for assisting with biological program activities adopted by the Commission and reporting the results. Frequent overnight travel for field work within the basin between June and November, as well as less frequent travel to local, regional, or national meetings year-round is required.

Job Duties:

- Assist with annual biological sampling plans.
- Prepare sampling equipment for field work and arrange for routine maintenance of the equipment.
- Operate field sampling equipment including tow vehicles, trailers, and boats.
- Conduct field sampling ensuring that proper techniques are employed and consistency is maintained.
- Assist with developing new, or refining existing, methods for collecting and assessing Ohio River data.
- Prepare data for importation into databases for use in assessing biological data.
- Assist with other field studies conducted by the Commission.
- Assist with sampling demonstrations and give presentations for community and/or school groups.
- Assist with the set-up and display of the mobile aquarium at events throughout the basin.
- Assist with preparation of routine reports on results of biological program activities.
- Prepare and give presentations for various panels and the BWQSC.
- Periodically serve on 24/7 on-call spill notification duty.
- Other duties as assigned.

Job Requirements:

Bachelor's degree in biology or related field is required. A master's degree with emphasis in areas such as environmental sciences, aquatic biology, or ecology is preferred. A demonstrated proficiency in oral and written English language skills is required. Familiarity with basic computer database, spreadsheet, word processor, GIS, and statistical software packages is desirable. A minimum of one year experience, a significant portion of which includes field studies, sampling, and data analysis is required. A master's degree shall substitute for the one year of experience. Shall have or be able to acquire a valid driver's license and be capable of being insured or furnishing automotive insurance. Physical fitness must be commensurate with duties.

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