

Environmental Management Department

Environmental Health Division

Food Protection Program: Environmental Specialists in the Food Protection Program enforce state and local health codes that apply to retail food facilities in Sacramento County. The following activities are conducted to ensure compliance with the codes and regulations:

- Permitting and inspection of retail food businesses including restaurants, bars, markets, school cafeterias, bakeries, mini-marts and convenience stores, mobile food vendors, and special/temporary event booths. Providing public disclosure of inspection results through the issuance of the Green, Yellow, and Red Placards.
- Food safety education and training to improve compliance with food safety regulations and reduce the incidence of foodborne illness.
- Investigation of complaints regarding food safety and sanitation violations at retail food facilities and investigation of suspected cases of foodborne illness.

Recreational Health Program: Through outreach, inspection, and enforcement, Environmental Specialists work to eliminate physical, chemical, and bacteriological hazards at public pools and spas.

Other programs in the Environmental Health Division: Detention Facility Inspection, Plan Review, Tobacco Retailer Inspection, Noise, Farm Labor Camps/ Employee Housing Inspection, and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention.

Hazardous Materials Division

Hazardous Materials/Wastes Program: Environmental Specialists working in this program ensure operators comply with regulations that apply to handling hazardous materials. Specific areas of regulation include Underground Storage Tanks, Hazardous Materials Business Plans, Hazardous Waste storage and disposal, the California Accidental Release Prevention Program, and 24 Hour Hazardous Materials Emergency Response.

Solid Waste Program: Environmental Specialists in the solid waste program ensure compliance in the operation of landfills, transfer stations, recycling facilities and medical waste producing facilities. The solid waste team is also responsible for the Business Recycling program.

Water Protection Division

Drinking Water Program: Environmental Specialists in this program work to ensure that businesses and home-owners comply with all State and local laws that apply to groundwater. Wells are monitored during installation and destruction and routine inspections of small water systems are conducted.

Liquid Waste Program: Environmental Specialists in this program issue permits, conduct inspections, and investigate complaints related to septic systems, sewage pumper trucks, and wastewater reclamation systems.

Storm Water Program: Environmental Specialists in this program conduct inspections to ensure compliance with local storm water ordinances that require businesses to prevent the discharge of pollutants into storm drainage systems, and eliminate illicit connections to storm drainage systems.

If you have questions, please call 874-8440 or go to the EMD website at:
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Immediate Openings for Environmental Specialists (Entry level – Senior level)

Requirements:

Bachelor of Science degree in a science based major

Salary:

\$22.41 – 35.01/hour
\$46,791 – 73,101 annually

Benefits:

Sick leave, vacation, medical, dental, maternity/paternity leave

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JOIN OUR TEAM TODAY!

Career: Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Are you interested in a career that:

- Improves the environment and protects public health?
- Is challenging and fulfilling?
- Provides opportunities to work in the field with a wide variety of people?
- Has good pay and benefits?

If you answered yes to any or all of these questions, then becoming a Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) may be the right career for you.

Job description: Conduct inspections and assessments to determine compliance with State and local laws and regulations governing retail food establishments, sewage disposal systems, substandard housing, land use and recreational health, water supply, solid waste management, public nuisances, and vector and rodent control. An REHS is also responsible for recommending changes, providing guidance and conducting enforcement activities to ensure the correction of deficiencies and violations.

→ Get Started!

1. Complete your Bachelor's Degree in a Science based major.

Sacramento County inspection staff has the following degrees:

Biological Sciences, Biotechnology, Chemistry, Conservation, Dietetics, Environmental Health, Genetics, Microbiology, Marine Biology, Nutrition Science, Zoology,and more!

A minimum of 30 semester or 45 quarter basic science units is needed.

2. Obtain a trainee Certification Letter from the California Department of Public Health.

- a. Visit the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) website for application information www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/occupations/Pages/REHS.aspx. Submit application and fee (approx. \$95) as instructed.
- b. At the same time, submit transcripts and fee (approx. \$250) to the CPS Human Resource Services for transcript evaluation.
- c. A letter will be mailed to you outlining the training and experience hours you will need to complete prior to being eligible for the Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) examination. Submit this letter when applying for a job as an Environmental Specialist I.



Is this the career for me?

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→ Apply for the Job!

3. Submit an online application to the County of Sacramento

Visit the Sacramento County Environmental Management website:

www.emd.saccounty.net

On the left side click on Job Openings, then...

- Apply for an Environmental Specialist I position
- You will receive a notice of ranking within 4-6 weeks of the application deadline.
- If your rank is high enough, you will be contacted for an interview.
- If you pass the oral interview, you may be offered a position as an Environmental Specialist I.
- Celebrate! You are starting an exciting and rewarding career!

→ Get Paid to Learn!

4. Your first year as an Environmental Specialist I (trainee)

The first year will be spent learning on the job and preparing to take the REHS Examination.

Daily activities could include:

Conducting routine inspections and complaint investigations at retail food facilities, school cafeterias, mobile food facilities, community events, public swimming pools and spas, and tobacco retailers.

5. Pass the Examination

Individuals hired as trainees must pass a registration examination within 36 months of hire. The examination covers all subjects within the field of Environmental Health and ensures that individuals have sufficient education, training and experience.

Your on-the-job training will prepare you for the examination.

