DISASTER RELIEF EFFORT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INSPECTOR

DEFINITION
The Environmental Health Inspector is an investigator of health and safety for the improvement and control of environmental issues and conditions in the public and private environment. The employee is required to perform routine inspections to determine if sanitary conditions are maintained in the community. This may take place in the workplace, food preparation facilities, industrial producers, or even the general environment.

Work also involves the performance of technical field investigations of private and public facilities designed to enforce compliance with existing laws as they relate to the preservation and control of communicable disease caused by environmental conditions.

This position is a contractual, term-limited position not to extend beyond August 27, 2019; employment via this contract is not guaranteed beyond this date.

DUTIES (NOT ALL INCLUSIVE)

• Performs routine and follow-up inspections of display, storage, refrigeration and handling of food in retail establishments. Determines if utensils, equipment and supplies are properly sterilized and protected from flies, rodents and other disease carrying animals.
• Interacts courteously and professionally with a wide variety of people across multiple business units, including all levels of management, vendors, government agencies and customers.
• Provides and reviews health related and safety hazard reduction materials with homeowners, tenants and landlords.
• Inspects cisterns, water reservoirs and open bodies of water to ensure they are not currently nor have potential to be breeding areas for mosquitoes.
• Monitors how wastes are handled and disposed of within businesses, hospitals, and the public sector.
• Educates individuals and the public on proper methods to reduce environmental contamination.
• Maintains permit applications, records and inspection reports related to work.
• Performs other related duties as required.

FACTOR 1 - KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED BY THE POSITION

• Knowledge of basic principles and practices related to proper environmental public health inspection techniques.
• Knowledge of general principles and practices of public health and sanitation as they relate to food sanitation, dairy industry, water supplies, private sewage systems and other industries, businesses, facilities and systems for which inspections are required for operation.
• Knowledge of the epidemiology and relationships of environmental conditions to the spread of disease and promotion of health.
• Ability to work accurately, rapidly and independently.
• Ability to prepare written reports, understand and interpret written material and basic principles as they relate to environmental public health inspections.

FACTOR 2 – GUIDELINES
The guidelines are departmental rules and regulations, V.I. Code, Laws, and Acts as they relate to regulated environmental public health inspections.
FACTOR 3 – COMPLEXITY
This work requires investigating environmental issues and the preparing written reports, understanding and interpretation of written materials and basic principles as they relate to environmental public health inspections.

The work requires applying and interpreting guidelines to determine whether, upon inspection, an industry, business, facility or system has a violation, and to recommend actions to be taken, which could include a warning, fines or closure.

FACTOR 4 – SCOPE AND EFFECT
The scope of this work is to inspect industries, businesses, facilities and systems, property and the environment to determine whether violation(s) have occurred and the appropriate penalty to apply.

FACTOR 5 – PERSONAL CONTACTS
Contacts are made with industries, businesses, facilities and systems, residents of homes, the courts, government agencies, co-workers and the general public.

FACTOR 6 – PURPOSE OF CONTACTS
To establish and maintain cooperative and educational relationships with the public and private sectors.

FACTOR 7 – PHYSICAL DEMANDS
This work is very strenuous, it requires walking to areas to be inspected, moving up and down steep terrains, and at times to unsanitary areas.

FACTOR 8 - WORK ENVIRONMENT
The work is performed both indoors and outdoors.

SUPERVISORY CONTROLS:
The contracted Disaster Relief Effort Environmental Inspector is supervised by the contract’s Project Manager. The Project Manager works closely with the Director of Environmental Health to determine duty assignments. The contract employee is expected to function independently in executing the duties. Work is reviewed through regular meetings and conference calls.

SALARY
$37,100 annually

LOCATION
Hiring for St. Thomas and St. Croix locations

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS
An Associate’s Degree in Environmental Science, or related field.
OR;
Equivalent environmental and/or engineering work experience may be considered as a degree substitute.
OR;
High School diploma or its equivalent and three (3) years’ experience in a related capacity.