

Department of the Interior
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH
GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Closing Date: April 26, 2024

Bureau: National Park Service

Position Title: Public Health Consultant

Billet Level: O-5/GS-13 Billet (non-Supervisory)

Duty Station: San Francisco, CA

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The Department of the Interior (DOI)/National Park Service (NPS) is recruiting a Commissioned Corps officer to fill the position of Public Health Consultant with a duty station in Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GOGA) -- San Francisco, California. Applicants in the EHO and HSO category will be considered.

The Public Health Consultant works under the general direction of the Field Services Branch Team Lead, within the Office of Public Health (OPH) and serves as a public health expert and advisor. The position is assigned to the NPS superintendent's office within the GOGA Safety, Health, and Wellness team (SH&W) and is responsible for assisting the NPS Superintendents and SH&W management. Applicants should have a strong environmental/public health and safety background. Responsibilities include evaluation of food safety at permanent facilities and events, drinking water safety, wastewater treatment and disposal, zoonotic and vector borne disease and consultation for all public health related issues that may occur in the assigned parks. Other specific areas of public health responsibility and support include recreational water, special events, training, outbreak investigation, FDA Food Code plan review, and emergency/disaster response for both the National Park Service and for the Public Health Service.

MAJOR DUTIES:

- Conducts Food Safety Evaluations, Public Health Assessments, and other public health response activities at the park, provides a written report in an online database recording observations and recommendations, and collaborates with senior park and regional management to communicate and follow up on recommendations.
- Provides expert technical assistance in the areas of food sanitation, vector-borne disease prevention, disease outbreak investigation/response and any other public health issues affecting the health and wellbeing of park visitors.
- Provides expert technical assistance in employee safety. Assists the park safety office conducting safety audits, providing training, program review and advancing the safety culture within the park.
- Provides technical assistance on issues related to drinking water treatment, wastewater treatment and disposal, working directly with the OPH Team Lead to address water/wastewater risks.
- Provides data and advice to key NPS personnel, the Team Lead, and OPH Director on activities that affect public and environmental health activities, policy, programs, projects, and initiatives.
- Interprets and implements policies, standards, programs, and procedures in the assigned areas of responsibility, and is responsible for their effective and timely communication and oversight of their implementation.

- Conducts on- and off-site program reviews and assistance trips to park facilities to evaluate compliance with policies, objectives, and standards, to monitor overall effectiveness of public health operations, and to provide technical assistance in the solution of specific problems.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

- Extensive knowledge of the principles and practices of general environmental and public health management.
- Significant experience in the application of food safety principles and regulations to the design and operation of food establishments.
- Knowledge in the concepts of disease surveillance, reporting and outbreak response.
- Knowledge and experience in the concepts of conducting employee safety assessments and writing safety plans.
- Knowledge, skill, and experience with the concepts and application of Integrated Pest Management.
- Some knowledge, skill, and experience in conducting sanitary surveys of public and non-public drinking water supplies.
- Some understanding and knowledge in sanitary surveys of wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal systems.
- Excellent written and oral presentation skills.

A Bachelor of Science degree in environmental health, public health or a related field is required. A master's degree (e.g., MPH, MSPH, MS, or equivalent) is preferred. Professional licensure Registered Environmental Health Specialist or Registered Sanitarian (e.g., REHS, RS, etc.) from a nationally recognized credentialing body is required. In addition, applicants must meet RDF Readiness Standards.

Applicants must possess specialized experience that has provided knowledge sufficient to provide comprehensive environmental public health services and to develop science-based initiatives that will positively impact the function of activities. Experience must clearly demonstrate the ability to serve as a public health expert and advisor with the proven ability to lead and manage in an effective, progressive, collaborative, and fiscally prudent manner.

The position requires local travel and working a non-traditional schedule including nights and weekends.

This position closes on April 26, 2024. If interested, please send a cover letter (highlighting relevant experience, education, and interest) and CV in **one pdf file** to hhs_liaison@nps.gov.

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