

Department of the Interior
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
CLOSING DATE: Open Until Filled

National Park Service
Supervisory Environmental Health Officer
O-5 Billet (Full Promotion Potential)
Supervisory

Position Description:

The Department of the Interior (DOI)/National Park Service (NPS) is recruiting a Commissioned Corps Officer to fill the position of Supervisory Environmental Health Officer with a duty station in any one of the following Parks:

Cabrillo National Monument – San Diego, CA
Channel Islands National Park – Ventura, CA
Death Valley National Park – Furnace Creek, CA
Great Basin National Park – Baker, NV
Joshua Tree National Park – Twentynine Palms, CA
Lake Mead National Recreation Area (+ Grand Canyon Parashant NM & Tule Springs Fossil Beds NM) – Boulder City, NV
Manzanar National Historic Site – Independence, CA
Mojave National Preserve (includes Castle Mountains NM) – Barstow, CA
Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area – Calabasas, CA

This position serves as the subject matter expert and principal advisor responsible for developing and coordinating the safety, occupational health, and environmental management programs for the Southern Network of parks (see list above). The position plays a significant leadership role for the Network and interacts directly with the Southern Network Board of Directors, consisting of Superintendents from each national park unit. Together these parks manage approximately 10 million acres of land within the states of Arizona, Nevada, Utah, and California. The position's work and productivity will have direct impact on the safety, health, and wellbeing of over 700 employees, thousands of volunteers, and over 10 million park visitors per year. This position will be duty stationed at one of the Network parks, will be supervised by the Superintendent of that park, and will provide professional safety and environmental management services to the other parks as directed by the Southern Network superintendents.

Extensive travel between the supported park units is required.

Works consists of the following throughout the listed supported parks, work with or supervises an interdisciplinary staff composed of Safety Professionals, Environmental, and General Schedule employees; conducts loss control and risk analysis surveys to identify and correct unsafe conditions to the public, employees, and the facility. Results of these evaluations are reported to safety committees and the other respective Park Management officials involved in risk management; Maintains and updates the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). Performs and works in conjunction with each Park's Senior Management Team with the evaluation of required emergency management exercises that are based upon each Parks identified operational vulnerabilities and threats and involve the necessary facility staff as well as external agencies and organizations. Provides consulting services on safety, occupational health, security, waste management, industrial hygiene, and risk management (in occupational health, safety, security, and waste management areas) to management, administrative, and support staff through periodic in-service and direct consultations. Reviews all accident reports, conducts epidemiological investigations, and recommends preventive measures to reduce reoccurrences. Investigates all complaints of Poor Indoor Air Quality. Establishes procedures using existing state and federal regulations for dealing with hazardous materials and wastes. Coordinates and monitors the removal of all hazardous waste from each park. Researches procedures if regulations are absent at the state and/or federal level. Develops, implements, manages, evaluates, and revises each Park's safety and occupational health programs and assures such programs comply with criteria established by Occupational Health & Safety Administration. Develops and maintains current resources information center pertaining to safety, security, waste management, industrial hygiene, occupational health, loss control, universal precautions, and environmental health. Provides consultative assistance to each Park's safety personnel and supervisors in identifying changes needed in written safety policies and procedures, Hazardous materials management and makes appropriate recommendations to Service Unit Leadership.

Major Duties Include but not limited to:

- Responsible for planning, developing, and assisting management in executing a safety program for all 10 parks park, either alone or through existing junior safety staff.
- Conducts safety and occupational health surveys, recommends measures to eliminate or control hazardous practices and conditions which may cause mishaps; prepares supplemental written safety procedures for application to local organizational components.
- Performs periodic onsite surveys for assigned organizations; inspects construction projects and designs to determine compliance with applicable occupational safety standards.
- Plans and carries out safety and health inspections at field locations, concession operations, all park buildings, facilities, park housing and other park sites.
- Prepares reports of inspections/evaluations and makes prioritized recommendations for methods necessary to assure compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), NPS and other applicable safety and health standards/codes.
- Advises supervisors and safety representatives of appropriate safety and occupational health measures to control or eliminate hazardous operating processes or environmental conditions. Assists supervisors in preparing written safe work practices and procedures, Job Hazard Analysis, hazard assessments, and other guidelines.

- Interprets safety and health standards and makes recommendations concerning best practices. Reviews Park contracts for safety language and provides guidance to Contracting Officer Representatives (COR) regarding inspecting contractor safety plans and work sites.
- Investigates mishaps (i.e., personal injury, visitor injury, motor vehicle, property damage), obtains statements from witnesses, and photographs mishap scene; records circumstances of mishap and extent of injuries, estimates cost of property damage, and prepares a final report of findings with recommendation to correct the unsafe acts or conditions that caused the mishap.
- Provides technical safety training to supervisors and employees using a wide variety of materials, publications, exhibits, protective devices, and visual aids; promotes safety campaigns through oral presentations at local safety committee meetings, posting safety displays, and publishing mishap prevention articles.

Qualifications and Experience Required:

- Knowledge of OSHA Safety regulations
- Managing safety or occupational health program elements.
- Developing and recommending safety and occupational health policy to higher levels of management.
- Applying safety and occupational health laws, regulations, principles, theories, practices, and procedures to advise on or resolve technical matters dealing with occupational safety and health requirements.
- Developing safety and occupational health standards, regulations, practices, and procedures to eliminate or control potential hazards. Developing or implementing programs to reduce the frequency, severity, and cost of accidents and occupational illnesses.
- Analyzing or evaluating new and existing jobs, processes, products, or other systems to determine the existence, severity, probability, and outcome of hazards.
- Designing or modifying workplaces, processes, products, or other systems to control or eliminate hazards.
- Inspecting or surveying workplaces, processes, products, or other systems for compliance with established safety and occupational health policies or standards and to identify potential new hazards.
- Training of workers, supervisors, managers, or other safety and occupational health personnel in safety or occupational health subjects.
- Work in occupational fields such as industrial hygienist, safety engineer, fire prevention engineer, health physicist, and occupational health nurse.
- Ability to effectively communicate orally and in writing

This position is open until filled. If interested, please send a cover letter and CV to hhs_liaison@nps.gov. Applicants should indicate which duty station (or both) they prefer.

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