

OKLAHOMA WATER RESOURCES BOARD

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Position Open October 12th – November 12th 2020 or until filled

The Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) is seeking an employee to fill and Environmental Specialist position within the Lakes Section of the Water Quality Programs Division. Successful candidates will possess several strong skills in these areas: field sampling, technical writing and data interpretation, project organization, and display strong interpersonal and communication skill sets.

Pay Scale: \$37,700 - \$46,750 ► Pay is based on education, experience and availability but in general will be within the range listed above.

Anticipated Number of Vacancies: 1

Specific Location of Work: Oklahoma Water Resources Board
3800 North Classen Boulevard
Oklahoma City, OK 73118

Description of Work Duties:

The position involves performing various activities in our Lakes Monitoring Program such as water quality sampling, GIS mapping, diagnostic and restoration activities, assist with wetlands monitoring, and writing/review of technical reports and technical guidance documents. Activities will be statewide, requiring overnight travel. Examples of duties that will be performed include, but are not limited to:

- Gathers, organizes, and processes water quality and quantity data.
- Operates field trucks, boats, and other field equipment.
- Performs validations on water quality and quantity data or other types of data.
- Performs routine chemical tests of samples. Process biological samples for taxonomic analysis.
- Prepares, or review data summary reports of investigations, sampling, chemical analysis, or other related tasks.
- Maintain and calibrate various types of electronic and non-electronic equipment.
- Enters data and manipulates spreadsheets from a variety of investigations and projects.
- Ensures that data is collected and analyzed in a scientifically defensible manner.
- Works with Lakes Monitoring Leader on project planning and implementation.

Extensive overnight travel is required on a weekly basis. Moderate to heavy physical exertion will be required; including but not limited to carrying field equipment, operating certain sample collection equipment, and wading in all types of water for prolonged periods while working. Experience with the operation of boats and/or other watercraft is a plus, but not required.

Knowledge of general natural resource principles and of basic chemical and biological testing is required. Limnological knowledge such as biogeochemical cycling, aquatic botany, and aquatic ecology is highly desirable. Ability to keep records; to compile data reports; to establish effective working relationships with others; and to perform a variety of laboratory procedures with appropriate training is required. Familiarity with computers and windows-based software (Excel, ArcGIS, etc..) is preferred, but not required.

For more information about the position or to apply please contact Julie Chambers at Julie.chambers@owrb.ok.gov.