



Job Description

TITLE: Vector Control Technician	JOB CODE: 5180
DEPARTMENT: Public Works	FLSA: Non-Exempt
PREPARED: November 2005	FLSA CLASS: Labor/Trade
UPDATED: April 13, 2022	WORK LOCATION: Aztec, NM
REMOTE WORK ELIGIBLE: NO	

Summary: Under close supervision of the Vector Control Supervisor, perform vector detection, control, and prevention of insects and rodents. Perform work in accordance with established methods and techniques to protect public health. Safely applies variety of products and observes all safety requirements and regulations.

Essential Job Functions: *The list that follows is not intended as a comprehensive list; it is intended to provide a representative summary of the major duties and responsibilities. Incumbent(s) may not be required to perform all duties listed, and may be required to perform additional, position-specific tasks.*

- Perform control and prevention efforts of mosquitos, prairie dogs, gophers, rodents, weeds by complying with vector control methods.
- Perform field inspections, report findings to supervisor, and use prescribed application methods.
- Safely apply chemicals in accordance to state, federal, and local environmental vector control regulations.
- Maintain accurate records of chemical used in applications, complaints, spray areas, trap data, and other field activities in compliance with New Mexico Department of Agriculture.
- Target pest identification; use a variety of trap and methods to collect field samples; handle, inspect, log, and report samples found.
- Tactfully communicate with the general public concerning vector control, pesticide usage, and mosquito borne diseases.
- Investigate complaints/concerns and responds to citizen inquiries; share knowledge of vector control methods with the general public.
- Assist with stocking and maintaining chemical inventory; comply with OSHA standards for safe handling and storage methods.
- Performs routine, unskilled, manual labor.
- Operate, maintain, and calibrate equipment.
- Clean, maintains and stores assigned tools and equipment.
- Perform basic repair work of a routine and minor nature.
- Perform other related duties as assigned.

Required Knowledge and Skills:

- Knowledge of environmental health practices and procedures.
- Knowledge of vector control materials, methods, and procedures.
- Knowledge of the laws and regulations governing the use of chemicals and application.
- Knowledge of OSHA standards and safety regulations as it applies to hazardous chemicals.
- Knowledge of County policies and procedures.
- Skill in following all safety procedures and practices.

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- Skill in following and effectively communicating written and verbal instructions; working efficiently with crew.
- Skill in the use of all types of manual and power hand tools, as needed.
- Skill in establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with co-workers and the general public.
- Skill in working independently and as a team member.

Education and Experience

- High School Diploma or GED equivalent, and two (2) years of relevant work experience.
- Must possess and maintain New Mexico Department of Agriculture Public Applicators License; obtain within sixty (60) from date of hire.
- Must possess and maintain New Mexico Department of Agriculture certifications in Right-of-Way & Industrial Weeds, Vertebrate Pests, and Public Health Pests; obtain within sixty (60) from date of hire.
- Valid State of New Mexico Driver’s License or able to obtain within six (6) months of employment.

Environmental Factors and Conditions/Physical Requirements:

- Work is performed primarily in an outdoor environment; may be required to lift and carry items more than 50 pounds.
- May be exposed to dangerous machinery, potential physical harm, fumes and airborne particles and extreme weather conditions. Noise level is usually loud.
- Work schedule for this position may include working on religious holidays.
- Utilize, process, and navigate the County’s electronic ERP system as necessary and appropriate based on the needs and requirements of this position.

Equipment and Tools Utilized:

- Equipment utilized includes standard hand and power tools.

Approvals:

Employee:	_____	Date:	_____
Supervisor	_____	Date:	_____
Department Head:	_____	Date:	_____