

Job Title: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST III

Requisition ID **44304** - Posted **01/27/2025** - (Fairview Heights - 11 Executive Dr)
(Environmental & Natural Resources; Health Services) - **Southern Region** - (St. Clair) - **None**

Agency: Department of Public Health

Class Title: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPEC III - 13770

Skill Option: Environmental Health

Office: Health Protection

Division: Environmental Health

Posting ID: 53-24-0181 / 44304

Posted: 1/27/25-2/27/25

Salary: Anticipated Starting Salary \$5,703; Full Range \$5,703 - \$8,170/month

Job Type: Salaried

Category: Full Time

County: St. Clair

Number of Vacancies: 1

Plan/BU: RC062

This position is a union position; therefore, provisions of the relevant collective bargaining agreement/labor contract apply to the filling of this position.

All applicants who want to be considered for this position MUST apply electronically through the illinois.jobs2web.com website. State of Illinois employees should click the link near the top left to apply through the SuccessFactors employee career portal.

Applications submitted via email or any paper manner (mail, fax, hand delivery) will not be considered.

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Why Work for Illinois?

Working with the State of Illinois is a testament to the values of compassion, equity, and dedication that define our state. Whether you're helping to improve schools, protect our natural resources, or support families in need, you're part of something bigger—something that touches the lives of every person who calls Illinois home.

No matter what state career you're looking for, we offer jobs that fit your life and your schedule—flexible jobs that provide the gold standard of benefits. Our employees can take advantage of various avenues to advance their careers and realize their dreams. Our top-tier benefits and great retirement packages can help you build a rewarding career and lasting future with the State of Illinois.

Position Overview

The Illinois Department of Public Health is seeking a highly motivated individual to plan and conduct difficult and complex inspections of regulated facilities as part of the manufactured food program, dairy program, bottled water program and tanning and body art programs as required by the rules and regulations. Makes decisions based upon complex factors relating to processing, production and sanitation. Conducts investigations in response to complaints, contamination or illness.

Benefits Statement

As a State of Illinois Employee, you will receive a robust benefit package that includes the following:

- Flexible and hybrid work schedules are available in many program areas (when available and dependent upon position)
- Competitive Group Insurance benefits including health, life, dental and vision plans.
- Pension plan through the State Employees Retirement System
- Deferred Compensation Program – voluntary supplemental retirement plan
- Optional pre-tax programs -Medical Care Assistance Plan (MCAP) & Dependent Care Assistant Plan (DCAP)
- 10-25 days of paid vacation time annually (10 days for first year of state employment)
- 12 paid sick days annually which carryover year to year
- 3 paid personal business days per calendar year (pro-rated dependent on start date)
- 13-14 paid holidays per year
- 12 weeks of paid parental leave
- Employee Assistance Program and/or mental health resources

These are just a few of the many perks available to all State employees. For more information about our benefits please follow this link: <https://www2.illinois.gov/cms/benefits/Pages/default.aspx>

Essential Functions

- Plans and prepares schedule strategy for inspection of regulated entities.
- Performs equipment checks of dairy and manufactured food plant pasteurization equipment systems to ensure proper operation and accuracy.
- Collects official food, water and environmental samples as directed by Regional Supervisor or in compliance with the food or dairy enforcement program.
- Responds to incidents and conducts complex investigations of food safety concern, including but not limited to, complaints, foodborne illness outbreaks, tampering incidents and emergency recall implementation.
- Performs other duties as required or assigned which are reasonably within the scope of the duties enumerated above.

Minimum Qualifications

- Requires a minimum of a Bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college with 30 semester hours in the physical or biological sciences.
- Requires three (3) years of professional experience in environmental health practice.

Preferred Qualifications

- Three (3) years experience conducting field inspections, surveys and investigations to determine eligibility for licensure or certification and /or assess compliance with applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations.
- Three (3) years experience preparing routine and complex reports, correspondence and activity logs.
- Three (3) years experience performing equipment checks of dairy and manufactured food plant pasteurization equipment systems to ensure proper operation and accuracy.
- Three (3) years experience collecting field samples and operating field testing equipment.
- Three (3) years experience responding to incidents and conducts complex investigations of food safety concern.
- Extensive knowledge of biology, chemistry, microbiology and toxicology as they relate to environmental health and safety.
- Working knowledge of epidemiology and the relationship of environmental conditions to the spread of disease.
- Extensive knowledge of environmental public health principles and practices.
- Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing.
- Ability to establish and maintain satisfactory working relationships with coworkers and the general public.

Conditions of Employment

- Requires a valid driver's license.
- Requires ability to complete necessary training to obtain and maintain required certifications to conduct sample collection, bulk milk hauler/sampler and inspection of dairy regulated entities.

About the Agency

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is tasked with the oversight of communities within Illinois to achieve and maintain optimal health and safety. With an annual budget of over \$2 billion in state and federal funds, 6 regional offices, 3 laboratories and over 1,200 employees, IDPH is equipped to fulfill its mission of protecting the health and wellness of the people of Illinois through the prevention, health promotion, regulation and control of disease and injury.

Work Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30am-5:00pm

Work Location: 11 Executive Dr, Fairview Heights, Illinois, 62208

Agency Contact:DPH.HRRrecruiter@Illinois.gov

Posting Group: Environmental & Natural Resources; Health Services

This position DOES NOT contain "Specialized Skills" (as that term is used in CBAs).

Revolving Door:

Certain provisions of the revolving door restrictions contained in 5 ILCS 430/5-45 apply to this position. As a result, the employee should be aware that if offered non-State employment during State employment or within one year immediately after ending State employment, the employee shall, prior to accepting any such non-State employment offer, notify the Office of the Executive Inspector General for the Agencies of the Illinois Governor ("OEIG") or may be subject to a fine.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Use the "Apply" button at the top right or bottom right of this posting to begin the application process.

If you are not already signed in, you will be prompted to do so.

State employees should sign in to the career portal for State of Illinois employees – a link is available at the top left of the Illinois.jobs2web.com homepage in the blue ribbon.

Non-State employees should log in on the using the "View Profile" link in the top right of the Illinois.jobs2web.com homepage in the blue ribbon. If you have never before signed in, you will be prompted to create an account.

If you have questions about how to apply, please see the following resources:

State employees: Log in to the [career portal](#) for State employees and review the [Internal Candidate Application Job Aid](#)

Non-State employees: on Illinois.jobs2web.com – click "Application Procedures" in the footer of every page of the website.

The main form of communication will be through email. Please check your "junk mail", "spam", or "other" folder for communication(s) regarding any submitted application(s). You may receive emails from the following addresses:

donotreply@SIL-P1.ns2cloud.com
systems@SIL-P1.ns2cloud.com