

COWLITZ COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT CONTROL OPERATOR JOB DESCRIPTION

PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT: Seasonal

Posting Status: Seasonal / Full-time (4-5 months), 40 hours/week

SUMMARY:

The Control Operator directly reports to the Program Manager and is responsible for providing mosquito control support for Cowlitz County Mosquito Control District. The Control Operator is responsible for larviciding, adulticiding, surveying, and controlling the mosquito population. Compliance with local, state, and federal law is a must.

PRINCIPAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Conduct mosquito larviciding and adulticiding using physical, biological and/or chemical methods.
- Keep accurate records of sites visited and/or treated, using forms and hand held devices provided by the District.
- Update field maps and hand held devices when necessary.
- If assigned, perform maintenance and repair of buildings and grounds.
- Attend training sessions and safety meetings.
- Keep the Program Manager informed of progress and problems, and otherwise stay informed of District policies and procedures.
- Operate District provided vehicles, which may require the use of four-wheel drive trucks and ATV's, and operate specialized spray equipment.
- Be safety oriented and accountable with District property.
- Communicate with the public and perform duties in a professional manner.
- Survey wetland habitats.
- Apply adulticides during evening applications.
- Operate truck mounted sprayer and consider all environmental issues of area prior to applying adulticides.
- Investigate complaints of problem mosquito areas.

- Sample mosquito populations.
- Coordinate with the public, county, and state agencies as necessary to reduce breeding sites.
- Maintain current knowledge of trends and developments in chemical application, state law and licensing qualifications.
- Successfully complete classroom and field training.
- Maintain access to mosquito development sites and promote proper drainage. This may include removing vegetation with a machete, digging or trenching.
- Accomplish tasks in a timely and professional manner, according to specified deadlines.
- Assist Program Manager with various tasks as assigned.
- Perform additional duties and projects as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- High School Diploma or equivalent, which may include appropriate work experience to demonstrate a level of general knowledge and literacy sufficient to carry out the responsibilities of the position.
- Experience with Biology, Entomology, Public Health, sampling, or GIS (geographical information systems) are preferred.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Must obtain a Washington State Pesticide Applicator's license for Public Health within four weeks of employment.
- Possess a valid driver's license. Individuals must also have reliable transportation to and from work.
- Be in good physical condition (Able to walk over uneven sloping terrain while carrying backpack spray equipment of 40+ pounds.).
- Able to work independently and cooperatively with other employees and the public with minimal direct supervision.
- Able to accurately interpret pesticide labels and make proper pesticide applications using information contained within the label.

- Able to learn the operation of specialized equipment.
- Safety minded with the ability to keep detailed records and evaluate situations while accurately implementing an effective course of action.
- Responsible and accountable for his/her actions.

Terms of Employment

\$17.00/ hour (non-certified technician), \$18.00/hour (certified technician),
Generally early April through the end of September; however, the specific timing will be dictated by environmental conditions and the needs of the district. For students, generally June to August depending on their availability (end and beginning of semesters)
Workdays/ hours: Generally, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m; may include weekends or evenings and be adjusted for weather, virus activity, or other district needs.

*The District reserves the right to change or alter this description at its sole discretion
This document does not create an employment contract, implied or otherwise.*

ABILITIES:

The successful candidate will share a passion for and commitment to the mission of Cowlitz County Mosquito Control District. Applicant must possess energy, enthusiasm, and initiative. The individual must be detail-orientated and capable of managing multiple tasks on a daily basis. Candidate must be experienced in hands-on work in support of and as part of a small, high-energy team. The ability to follow established, detailed procedures is necessary. Strong written and verbal communication skills are highly desirable. Experience in a science setting is preferred.

Employee Printed Name: _____

Employee Signature: _____ Date: _____