

# Job Description



Human Resources

**Job Title:** Environmental Technician II

**Job Code:** 904311

**Job Family:** Compliance

**Pay Grade:** JC.14.14

**FLSA:** Non-Exempt

**EEO:** Technicians

**Department/Agency:** Countywide

**Position Number(s):** Multiple

**Recommended Position Title(s):** Senior Haz Mat Technician

**The following Core Competencies apply to everyone and are essential to all County jobs:**

- Accountability – Follows-up on and meets commitments, takes ownership for work, and possesses a strong ability to stay focused on individual, department, and County results.
- Communication – Clearly and effectively expresses ideas and thoughts (verbally and in writing); listens actively.
- Customer Focus & Public Relations – Builds positive internal and external customer relationships; is committed to customer satisfaction; assumes responsibility for solving customer problems and ensures commitments to customers are met.
- Initiative – Independently acts to resolve problems and provide solutions; seeks out new responsibilities; generates new ideas; practices self-development.
- Safety – Understands and supports safety standards as required by the job; keeps the workplace clean and safe.
- Teamwork – Encourages and facilitates cooperation, pride, and trust among the team; fosters commitment and team spirit; works cooperatively with others to achieve overall goals.

**Essential Duties:**

- Maintains site and chemical inventory according to Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) regulations and permit requirements; identifies and quantifies household hazardous waste (HHW) chemicals by chemical name or physical testing; separates chemicals by type within the broader categories of corrosives, flammables, toxics, and reactive.
- Analyzes for corrosivity, oxidation, PCB's, and trace metals using test kits, pH meters, or by assessing physical properties such as specific gravity or color; sorts, packages and labels all products according to applicable regulations; prepares drums for storing various chemicals that are collected according to regulations and facility permit requirements; coordinates shipment of hazardous waste chemicals by contractor to permanent disposal facility.
- Prepares and maintains detailed records of waste disposal; answers citizen questions regarding appropriate handling and disposal of hazardous materials.
- Transports HHW within facility and occasionally from off-site locations to the facility and serves as a lead person at the facility by coordinating the work of others.

**Supervisory Responsibilities:**

- Yes  No This position is also responsible for the supervision and leadership of employees, which includes making employment-related decisions and/or recommendations, and formally evaluating performance.

***Duties and responsibilities, as required by business necessity may be added, deleted or changed at any time at the discretion of management, formally or informally, either verbally or in writing. Scheduling and shift assignments and work location may be changed at any time, as required by business necessity.***

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## **Minimum Job Requirements:**

Associates degree in Environmental Science, Biology, or related science field with two years (2) experience in environmental work, such as processing chemicals and/or household hazardous waste, or laboratory experience are required.

Applicant must submit to and pass a pre-employment, post-offer, and annual Hazard Materials Physical Examination and Respiratory Fit Test.

***Johnson County Government requires reference/background screening for all positions. Specified criteria may vary by Department/Agency.***

## **Preferred Job Requirements:**

Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science, Biology, or related science field.

## **Education/Experience Substitutions:**

Yes  No Experience may be substituted for degree.

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## **Physical, Environmental, and Special Working Conditions:**

Within sixty (60) days of hire, employees (select DHE and EMS positions) must produce proof of immunization, proof of immunity, proof that immunization is medically contraindicated, submit a written objection to immunization based upon a sincerely held religious belief, or receive vaccination for the following: Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR); Tetanus Diphtheria and Acellular Pertussis (TDAP); and Varicella (Chickenpox).

Successful completion of Hazard Materials Physical Examination which includes Blood and Urine samples, auditory test, spirometry test, chest x-ray, Electrocardiogram (EKG), test for Hepatitis B plus vaccination, and a respiratory fit test.

All County employees may be called upon to assist other departments in a declared emergency situation.