



Direct Hire Career Opportunity Bulletin

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION & FORESTRY

28 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333

*Offices Located at Harlow, Williams Pavilion and Deering Buildings - AMHI Complex, Augusta

TOXICOLOGIST

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Public Service	Career Diversity
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Benefits	Over 10,000 Employees
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Full Time	Part Time

Opening Date:	March 21, 2024	Closing Date:	April 18, 2024
Location:	Augusta	Position #:	00500-0704
Position Type:	Permanent Full Time	Class Code:	4364
Grade/Salary:	26 (\$20.44 - \$27.75/hr)		

HOW TO APPLY: Interested applicants need to complete and submit a State of Maine Direct Hire Application, detailed Resume and cover letter to:

Natural Resources Service Center
Darryl Touchette, HR Manager
155 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0155
Phone: 207-624-6392 Fax: 207-287-2216

OR email your application material to:
NRSCdirecthireapplications@maine.gov

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY:
5:00 pm, April 18, 2024

Direct Hire Application forms can be obtained by contacting the NRSC Personnel Office at 624-63 or 92 by accessing the NRSC website at <http://www.maine.gov/nrsc/jobs/application.shtml>

BENEFITS:

Value of State's share of Employee's Retirement: 15.12% of pay, **Employee Pays:** 7.65% of pay
Value of State-paid Dental Insurance: \$13.13 biweekly
Value of State-paid Health Insurance*:
Level 1: 100% State Contribution = \$427.57 biweekly (employee pays nothing)
Level 2: 95% State Contribution = \$406.19 biweekly (Employee pays: 5%)
Level 3: 90% State Contribution = \$384.81 biweekly (Employee pays: 10%)
Level 4: 85% State Contribution = \$363.43 biweekly (Employee pays: 15%)
*The level of actual value of state paid Health Insurance will be based on employee's wage rate and status with regard to the health credit premium program.

BRIEF JOB DESCRIPTION: This position serves as the primary source of scientific and technical information about the risks and benefits of pesticide use in Maine for the Board of Pesticides Control (BPC), other state agencies, the medical community, and the general public. Pesticide literature is highly technical and frequently controversial. It includes the popular press, peer-reviewed scientific publications, registration and review documents generated by EPA and other federal agencies, and data packages from registrants. Evaluating the scientific validity and relevance to Maine of this vast and complex literature requires an equally complete and thorough degree of education and experience.

- The Toxicologist's expertise is applied through the BPC's standing and ad hoc technical committees.
- The Toxicologist also provides technical support to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and other state agencies, including the Maine Emergency Management Agency, the Maine DEP, the Maine DOT, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the Maine CDC.
- The position interacts daily with the BPC field and office staff and the general public; and maintains relationships with the pesticide manufacturing community, the medical community (including the Northern New England Poison Center) and the academic institutions in Maine and beyond.
- The toxicologist also assists the DACF Quality Assurance and Regulation Committee with food safety issues.
- Outreach and education are significant elements of this position. The Toxicologist will be expected to develop and present educational and training materials for the regulated community, the general public, and other interested parties, as well as respond to inquiries within their area of expertise.

For further information, call Megan Patterson, Director, Division of Animal and Plant Health at (207) 592-0911.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: A Bachelors Degree in Chemistry, Toxicology, Ecology or directly related field and four (4) years of experience in pharmacology, toxicology, analytical chemistry or a directly related field. Equivalent experience may be substituted for education on a year-for-year basis.

Preference will be given to candidates who have a Master's Degree in Environmental Toxicology or a related field, with experience in the evaluation of pesticides or contaminants in the environment.