

Environmental Health

A scenic view of a coastline. On the left, a steep, forested hillside descends towards a dark sandy beach. The ocean is a deep blue, with a prominent, dark rock formation (a sea stack) visible in the distance. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

Protect the public from diseases and health hazards related to environmental exposures.

EH Programs

Hazardous Materials

- Chemical Storage
- Underground Tanks
- Emergency Response
- Solid Waste

Consumer Protection

- Retail Food Facilities
- Public Pools
- Child Lead Prevention

Land Use

- Liquid Waste
- Water
- Housing
- Vector Control

EH Specialist Career Benefits

- Program Diversity
- Improve the Environment and People's Lives
- Independence and Flexibility
- Work Closely with People to Solve Problems
- Challenges
- Opportunities

Mendocino County EH Staff Academic Background

- Biological Sciences 8
- Environmental Health 4
- Environmental Studies 3
- Philosophy 1

Mendocino County EH Staff Universities Attended

- Cal State Universities 11
- UC Davis 2
- Out-of-State 3

Inspecting Wood Treatment Plant



Inspecting Haz Waste Labels



Treated Wood Draining Chemicals



Emergency Response Vehicle



Sorting by Hazard Class



Identifying Wastes by Hazard Category



Booms and Pads Contain Oil Spill Noyo Harbor



Solid Waste Transfer Station



Metal Recycling



Wood Waste for Compost



EH Specialist Enters Busy Kitchen



Checking Food Temperatures



Checking for Food Violations



Alternative Septic System



Consultations



Inspecting a Mound System



Measuring Sewage Levels in Trenches



Hydrophilic Growth Indicates Near Failure



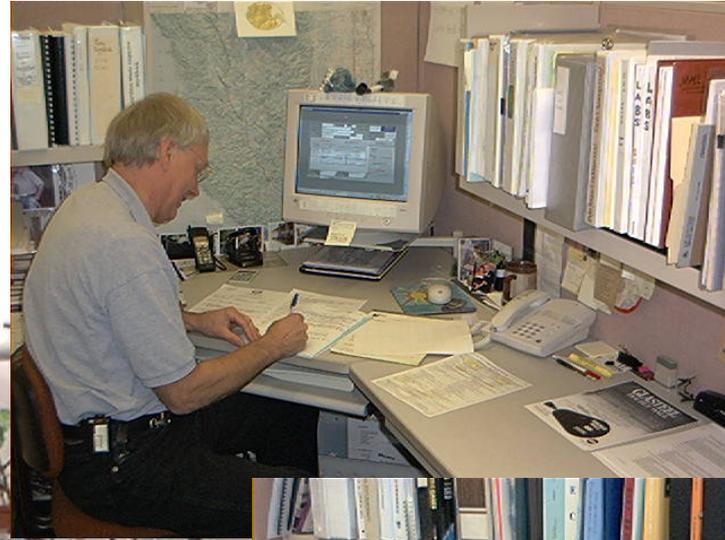
Surfacing Sewage Effluent



Mendocino County EH Office



A Variety of Office Work



How to Get Started in EH

- Finish Bachelor's Degree with at least 30 Semester Units of Basic Science Courses
- Submit an Application to the State DHS, Environmental Health Specialist Program, for Certification as an EHS trainee
- Check Counties' and Organizations' Websites for Job Openings
- Gain Necessary On-the-Job Work Experience to Qualify for State EHS Registration Exam
- Pass State Exam

Salary and Benefits

- Mendocino County Annual Salary Range
 - EHS Trainee \$36,795 - \$44,720
 - Registered EHS \$40,560 - \$49,317
- Benefits
 - Vacation and Sick Leave
 - Medical and Dental Health
 - Promotional Opportunities
 - Retirement

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Final Message

- Seek a career in EH after graduation.
- Remember EH as you pursue some other biology or chemistry career.
- Take the necessary courses and remember the EH field when you graduate.

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