

POSITION DESCRIPTION (Please Read Instructions on the back)

1. Agency Position No
S0243

2. Reason for Submission
NEW

3. Service
HEADQUARTERS

4. Employing Office Location
1890 Reston, VA (HQ) Virginia

5. Duty Station
Reston, VA

6. OPM Certification No

Explanation

7. Fair Labor Standards Act
Non-Exempt

8. Financial Statements Required
6-Position does not require financial disclosure.

9. Subject to IA Action
YES

10. Position Status
Exc/SchA213.3113(a4)

11. Position is
NON-SUPERVISORY

12. Sensitivity
1 - Nonsensitive/Low

13. Competitive Level Code
100

14. Agency Use

15. Drug Test Required
NO

16. ADP Status
NO

17. Classified/Graded by	Official Title of Position	Pay Plan	Occupational Code	Grade	Initials	Date
a. Office of Personnel Management						
b. Department, Agency or Establishment						
c. Second Level Review	Biological Science Technician (Field Assistant)	GG	0404	4	L . P	12/23/2002
d. First Level Review						
e. Recommended by Supervisor or Initiating Office						

18. Organizational Title of Position (if different from official title)

19. Name of Employee (if vacant, specify)

20. Department, Agency or Establishment U.S. DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR	c. Third Subdivision
a. First Subdivision U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY	d. Fourth Subdivision
b. Second Subdivision OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR	e. Fifth Subdivision
21. Employee Review- This is an accurate description of the major duties and responsibilities of my position.	Signature of Employee (optional)

Supervisory Certification. I certify that this is an accurate statement of the major duties and responsibilities of this position and its organizational relationships, and that the position is necessary to carry out Government functions for which I am responsible. This certification is made with the knowledge that this information is to be used for statutory purposes relating to appointment and payment of public funds, and that false or misleading statements may constitute violations of such statutes or their implementing regulations.

a. Name and Title of Supervisor
Mark Sogge, Acting Deputy Director, USGS

b. Typed Name and Title of Higher-Level Supervisor or Manager (optional)

Signature Date
/s/Mark Sogge 07/30/2015

Signature Date

23. Classification/Job Grading Certification
I certify that this position has been classified/graded as required by Title 5, U.S. Code, in conformance with standards published by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management or, if no published standards apply directly, consistently with the most applicable published standards.

24. Position Classification Standards Used in Classifying/Grading Position
GS-400, GLG for Aid and Tech Work in the Bio Sci
GS-404, Biological Sci Tech Series

Typed Name and Title of Official Taking Action
Lorilee Penn Human Resources Specialist

Information for Employees
The standards and information on their application, are available in the personnel office. The classification of the position may be reviewed and corrected by the agency or the U.S Office of Personnel Management. Information on classification/job grading appeals, and complaints on exemption from FLSA, is available from the personnel office or the U.S Office of Personnel Management.

Signature Date
Lorilee Penn /s/ 12/23/2002

25. Position Review	Initials	Date								
a. Employee (Optional)										
b. Supervisor										
c. Classifier										

26. Remarks

27. Description of Major Duties and Responsibilities (See Attached)

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Major Duties

Incumbent performs technical work in a laboratory or field environment in support of professional or technical employees engaged in data collection activities or analysis of biological data collection activities or analysis of biological samples. Performs one or more of the following duties:

--Collects biological, botany, fisheries, or wildlife data from study files or monitoring stations.

--Performs laboratory analysis of biological samples to determine specified chemical, biological, or physical characteristics.

--Operates a government motor vehicle or a boat as an incidental driver.

FACTOR 1 KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED BY THE POSITION (Level 1-4, 550 points)

Practical knowledge of the processes, methods and procedures of biological science to perform a variety of assignments.

Knowledge of routine field data collection procedures in order to collect biological data.

Skill in the operation, maintenance, and servicing of a variety of biological recording and measuring instruments.

Basic knowledge of procedures and techniques utilized in a biological laboratory for measuring the physical and chemical parameters of organisms.

FACTOR 2 SUPERVISORY CONTROLS (Level 2-1, 25 points)

Works under the close supervision of a biological scientist or technician. Instructions are provided with each assignment. Work is checked in progress and upon completion for accuracy and conformance to instructions.

FACTOR 3 GUIDELINES (Level 3-1, 25 points)

Guidelines include manuals on techniques of data collection or laboratory analysis, procedural directives, oral instructions, and previously established methods of operating, servicing, installing, and setting up equipment and instruments. Guidelines are detailed and relate directly to assignments. Necessary deviations from established procedures are discussed with the supervisor.

FACTOR 4 COMPLEXITY (Level 4-2, 75 points)

Assignments consist of specific data collection or laboratory analysis tasks. Tasks are usually routine, requiring accuracy and attention to detail in operating, servicing equipment, and recognizing unusual situations which may affect the accuracy of data.

FACTOR 5 SCOPE AND EFFECT (Level 5-2, 75 points)

Purpose of the work is to provide support to scientists and technicians in the collection of biological data or laboratory analysis of biological samples.

FACTOR 6 PERSONAL CONTACTS AND

FACTOR 7 PURPOSE OF CONTACTS (Level 1-a, 30 points)

Personal Contacts

Personal contacts are with professional employees or technicians in the immediate office or laboratory.

Purpose of Contacts

Contacts are to provide or obtain information concerning work assignments.

FACTOR 8 PHYSICAL DEMANDS (Level 8-2, 20 points)

Work is physically demanding and includes walking, bending, climbing, and lifting of equipment up to 100 pounds when in the field, sometimes during adverse conditions.

FACTOR 9 WORK ENVIRONMENT (Level 9-2, 20 points)

The work is performed in a laboratory or field environment. Field work involves moderate or sometimes extreme exposure to the discomforts of rain, cold/hot weather, and rapidly running or icy streams and rivers. Special safety precautions are required in many cases, and the employee may typically wear life jackets, special safety boots, waders, and special organism handling gear.

TOTAL POINTS 820

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