

Regional Pesticide Inspector

Health Canada (Pest Management Regulatory Agency - PMRA), Regions and Programs Branch, Pesticide Compliance Program

PMRA/Health Canada, the federal department regulating pesticides in Canada, requires a Regional Pesticide Inspector based in Kelowna, BC.

Job Description:

Participates in inspection and monitoring program and investigations concerning use and sale of pesticides in agricultural sector and marketplace. Position also involves outreach to the public on pesticide use and safety. Ultimately these services are intended for the general public, the industry, and partners at the municipal, provincial and federal levels and are designed to prevent unacceptable risks to people and the environment from the use of pest control products. Position is seasonal/casual, with possibility of extension.

Responsibilities:

1. Participates in the design, delivery and evaluation of inspection programs and compliance projects related to importation, manufacturing, packaging, distribution, labelling, sale and use of control products in accordance with the PCPAR.
2. Participates with senior staff in compliance promotion and outreach activities with other government agencies, industry, and community groups to inform and educate with respect to the PCPAR.
3. Under the guidance of senior staff provides scientific and technical information on pesticides and the regulatory process, detailed explanations of compliance issues, interpretations of pesticide labels, rationale for enforcement response (compliance policy) as well as information on Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) decisions and policy to the industry, general public, interest groups, and partners at the municipal, provincial and federal levels.
4. Develops and maintains effective working relationships and contact with provincial and federal pesticide regulatory officials to facilitate the delivery of investigations, inspection programs and consultations.
5. Initiates and maintains ongoing contact with government and industry to gain awareness of concerns and emerging issues as well as changing practices and directions. Attends meetings and undertakes directed reading in order to inform and assist the Regional Manager and the Regional Pesticide Officer in the development of cooperative initiatives, or new PMRA programs.

Qualifications:

- Working towards graduation with a degree from a recognized university with acceptable specialization in microbiology, chemistry, food science, agriculture, forestry, integrated pest management, or some other speciality related to the position.
- Experience in working with agricultural community.
- Knowledge of Pest Control Products Act and Regulations.
- Knowledge of pesticides, agriculture and pest management practices in British Columbia.

- Ability to plan, organize and implement projects, to analyze problems and determine appropriate solutions, and to communicate effectively orally and in writing.
- Candidate will be able to maintain effective interpersonal relationships, has initiative, is dependable, respectful of diversity and uses judgement.
- Valid driver's license required, Frequent travel throughout British Columbia.

Contact

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