Chemist III

**General Description**

Performs highly complex (senior-level) chemical analysis work. Work involves coordinating the chemical analysis and physical testing of materials, chemicals, physiological specimens, and other products; conducting research; and preparing technical reports. May supervise the work of others. Works under limited supervision, with considerable latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

**Examples of Work Performed**

Coordinates and conducts chemical and physical analysis of food, drugs, human clinical specimens, construction materials, wastewater, stream pollution, hazardous waste, alcohol, or other materials.

Conducts research and developmental work concerning chemical processes and substances.

Conducts and evaluates research projects, interprets research data and documents findings, and prepares technical reports and scientific papers.

Conducts audits of environmental laboratories to ensure compliance with applicable environmental or public health laws, rules, regulations, and policies; and evaluates corrective action plans.

Consults with staff on proper research, analysis, and interpretive procedures.

Verifies and reviews test reports.

Provides specifications for laboratory chemicals, equipment, and supplies.

Develops and implements laboratory procedures, safety guidelines, or guidelines for laboratory assessments and/or accreditation.

Interprets laboratory and analytical results for use in regulatory determination decisions.

May coordinate special research projects.

May supervise the work of others.

Performs related work as assigned.

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**State Classification Job Description**

**Chemist I**

**Class Code:** 2472

**Salary Group:** B16

**Salary Range:** $34,918 - $55,130

**Chemist II**

**Class Code:** 2473

**Salary Group:** B18

**Salary Range:** $39,521 - $64,449

**Chemist III**

**Class Code:** 2474

**Salary Group:** B20

**Salary Range:** $45,158 - $73,788

**Chemist IV**

**Class Code:** 2475

**Salary Group:** B22

**Salary Range:** $51,614 - $84,479

**Chemist V**

**Class Code:** 2476

**Salary Group:** B24

**Salary Range:** $59,004 - $96,720

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**Occupational Category:** Natural Resources

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GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

Experience in chemical analyses and laboratory work. Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with major coursework in chemistry or a related field is generally preferred. Experience and education may be substituted for one another.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of the principles of chemical processes and analyses; of the preparation, properties, structures, and use of chemical and physical substances; and of the laws and standards related to the technical areas of responsibility.

Skill in the operation of laboratory equipment and in the use of a computer and applicable software.

Ability to conduct physical and chemical analyses and tests, to interpret test results, to prepare reports, to communicate effectively, and to supervise the work of others.