

SHENANDOAH VALLEY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

PSNT TECHNICIAN - POSITION DESCRIPTION



We work with the people who work the land.

GENERAL

The Shenandoah Valley Soil & Water Conservation District (SVSWCD) is a self-governing public agency that is considered a political subdivision of the state that is governed by an eight-member Board of Directors and covers the counties of Rockingham and Page, and the City of Harrisonburg. Under the direction of the SVSWCD Board of Directors and under the supervision of the District Manager, the PSNT Technician will be responsible for performing a range of technical and administrative duties that pertain to the implementation of the SVSWCD's Pre-Sidedress Nitrate Testing Program. Responsibilities include regular contact with farmers requiring judgement and tact in all interactions. Supervision will be provided by members of the SVSWCD and our co-located partner the Natural Resources Conservation Service field office staff. This position is a temporary position with work hours typically between 8:00am and 4:30pm Monday through Friday. The position is considered non-exempt under the Fair Labor Standards Act. The SVSWCD's small staff is forward-thinking, innovative, motivated and dedicated.

TIME FRAME

- The position will run from early June through late July with varying hours throughout the employment period up to 40 hours/week

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Serve as a team member for soil sample collection
- Assist with the analysis of soils samples
- Gather needed data from farmers for proper recommendations
- Assist with data entry of information and results and the completion of necessary paperwork
- Be responsible for accurate invoicing, payment receipts and documentation for sample collection
- Cooperate with federal, state and local partners (NRCS, FSA, DEQ, DCR, VCE, CBF, VDACS, etc.)
- Adhere to all District policies and guidelines (Rockingham County Personnel Policy & SVSWCD policies)
- Other duties and tasks as assigned by the District Manager or other SVSWCD staff

REQUIREMENTS & PREFERRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Experience in and understanding of agriculture and agronomic principles
- Proficient in Microsoft Office computer programs, particularly Excel
- Valid driver's license
- Successful federal background check
- Regular attendance at work
- Ability to communicate effectively and maintain effective working relationships in a team environment
- Show initiative, accept responsibility and initiate appropriate actions for work projects
- Ability to multitask, prioritize and work independently in a fast-paced environment
- Ability to work outside during adverse weather conditions
- Ability to understand, interpret and use various maps, aerial photography and soils information

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENT(S)

This is operative work requiring the exertion of up to and exceeding 30 pounds of force occasionally and a negligible amount of force frequently or constantly to move objects. Regular required tasks include sitting; talking or hearing, in person and by telephone; using hands to finger, handle, feel or operate standard office and maintenance/field equipment; and reaching with hands and arms. The employee is frequently required to walk and stand sometimes on uneven surfaces; in addition, occasionally required to climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl with potential exposure to adverse weather conditions. In addition the employee is regularly required to use written and oral communication skills; read and interpret complex data, information and documents; analyze and solve problems; observe and interpret people and situations; use math and mathematical reasoning; learn and apply new information or skills. Visual acuity is required for preparing and analyzing written data, determining the accuracy and thoroughness of work, and observing general surroundings and activities. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision and the ability to adjust focus. Tasks require alertness to avoid potential hazardous conditions/situations.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work performed by this position. They are not intended to be constructed, as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and skills required of this position. Management retains the discretion to add to or change the duties of the position at any time.