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Oceanographer Researcher 07

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I. INTRODUCTION

This position is located in

Incumbent is a member of a team providing assistance to higher-level researchers on problems of basic or applied oceanographic phenomena.

II. MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Serves as a junior member of a research team investigating oceanographic problems, assisting in experiments, developing simple work plans, collecting data and observations, and developing preliminary conclusions.

III. FACTOR LEVELS

FACTOR 1 - Research Situation/Assignment

Research studies are limited in scope and complexity and involve a variety of assignments using established methods, procedures and techniques. Projects are typically minor phases of broader assignments of other oceanographers. Assignments are typically selected to develop the employee for work of a higher level.

FACTOR 2 - Supervision Received

Assignments are accompanied by instructions regarding the problem to be studied, the extent to which the studies are to be carried, and the general approach and techniques to be utilized. Work is spot-checked while in progress and instructions are provided by the supervisor if difficulties are encountered during the conduct of the project or experiment. Incumbent independently applies standard or specified research methods, tests, techniques, and procedures and also develops simple work plans. Incumbent makes preliminary conclusions which are presented to the supervisor. Unanticipated conditions are referred to the supervisor for resolution. Work is reviewed for technical adequacy and thoroughness of application of methods and techniques.

FACTOR 3 - Guidelines and Originality

Precedents are generally available in the form of established guidance material, methods and techniques. Judgment is used in planning simple details of the work, such as deciding how to collect and present data and in making simple adaptations of methods and techniques.

FACTOR 4 - Qualifications and Contributions

This position requires knowledge of theories, standard methods and techniques of professional oceanography, comparable to that which would be gained through coursework in working towards completion of a masters degree program. Incumbent has conducted portions of larger projects with other researchers, including participating in most phases of research.

This position is non-exempt from coverage under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

IV. UNIQUE POSITION REQUIREMENTS

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