

REASON FOR			POSITION DESCRIPTION COVER SHEET					
1. NEW	2. IDENTICAL ADDITION TO THE ESTABLISHED PD NUMBER	3. REPLACES PD NUMBER						
RECOMMENDED								
4. TITLE			5. PAY PLAN	6. SERIES	7. GRADE			
8. WORKING TITLE			9. INCUMBENT <i>(Optional)</i>					
OFFICIAL								
10. TITLE Hydrologic Technician								
11. PP	12. SERIES	13. FUNC	14. GRADE	15. DATE	16. I/A	17. CLASSIFIER		
GS	1316		06	MONTH/DAY/YEAR		YES	NO	FMB
				01/15/03				
18. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE (Agency/Bureau)								
1st			5th					
2nd			6th					
3rd			7th					
4th			8th					
SUPERVISOR'S CERTIFICATION								
I certify that this is an accurate statement of the major duties and responsibilities of the 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 continue violations of such statute or their implementing regulations.								
19. Supervisor's Signature			20. Date	22. Second Level Supervisor's Signature		23. Date		
21. Supervisor's Name and Title			24. Second Level Supervisor's Name and Title					
FACTOR EVALUATION SYSTEM								
FACTOR	25. FLD/BMK	26. POINTS	FACTOR	25. FLD/BMK	26. POINTS			
1. Knowledge Required	FLD 1-4	550	6. Personal Contacts	2				
2. Supervisory Controls	FLD 2-3	275	7. Purpose of Contacts	B	75			
3. Guidelines	FLD 3-2	125	8. Physical Demands	8-2	20			
4. Complexity	FLD 4-2	75	9. Work Environment	9-2	20			
5. Scope and Effect	FLD 5-2	75	27. TOTAL POINTS		27. 1215			
Job Family Position Classification Standard for Technical Work in the Physical Sciences Group, GS-1300				28. GRADE	28. GS-6			
CLASSIFICATION CERTIFICATION								
I certify that this position has been classified as required by Title 5, US Code, in conformance with standards published by the OPM or, if no published standard applies directly, consistently with the most applicable published standards.								
29. Signature /S/ FRANCINE M. BENKO				30. Date 01/15/03				
31. Name and Title: Francine M. Benko, Human Resources Specialist								
32. Remarks FLSA: N Nonsensitive/Low Risk FPL: Standard Job#1316-06				33. OPM Certification Number				

MASTER RECORD/INDIVIDUAL POSITION DATA
THIS SIDE TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CLASSIFIER

A. KEY DATA

1. FUNCTION (1) A/C/D/W/R	2. DEPT. CD/AGCY-BUR-CD. (4)	3. SON (4)	4. MR. NO. (6)	5. GRADE (2) 06	6. IP NO. (8)
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B. MASTER RECORD

1. PAY PLAN (2) GS	2. OCC.SER (4) 1316	3. OCC FUNC. CD (2)	4. OFF. TITLE CD (5) 0002	5. OFF. TITLE (38) HYDRILGC TECHNCN										
6. HQ.FLD.CD. (1) 1=HQ 2=FLD		7. SUP.CD. (1) 2=Sup. GSSG 4=Sup. CSRA 5=Mgmt. CSRA		8. CLASS STD. CD. (1) X=New Std. Applied Blank=NA		9. INTERDIS. CD. (1) N=NO Y=Interdis	10. DT. CLASS (6) MO DAY YEAR 01 15 03							
11. EARLY RET. CD. (1) 1=Primary 2=Secondary		3=Foreign Svc. Blank=NA		12. INACT/ACT (1) A I=Inactive A=Active		13. DT. ABOL. (6) MO DAY YEAR			14. DT.INACT/REACT (6) MO DAY YEAR			15. AGCY. USE (10)		
16. INTERDIS. SER. (40) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4)														
17. INTERDIS. TITLE CD. (50) (5) (5) (5) (5) (5) (5) (5) (5) (5) (5) (5) (5)														

C. INDIVIDUAL POSITION

1. FLSA CD/PAY TABLE CD (1) N E=Exempt N=Nonexempt		2. FIN. DIS. REQ. (1) 0 N 0=None 3=SF 278 4=OGE 450		3. POS. SCHED. (1) A=Sched A B=Sched B C=Sched C			4. POS. SENS. (1) 0=Excepted but not A, B, C 1N N 1=Low risk/non sensitive 2=Non critical sensitive 4=Special sensitive 5=Moderate risk 6=High risk			5. COMP. LEV. (4) 06										
6. WK. TITLE CD. (4)				7. WK TITLE (38)																
8. ORG. STR. CD. (18) 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th								9. VAC. REV. CD. (1) 0=Position Action No Vacancy A=No Change B=Lower Grade C=Higher Grade D=Different title and/or series E=New Position/New FTE												
10. TARGET GD. (2)		11. LANG. REQ. (2)		12. PROJ. DTY. IND. (1) Blank=N/A Y=Yes		13. DUTY STATION (9) State (2) City(4) Cnty(3)			14. BUS. CD. (4)			15. DT. LST. AUDIT (6) MO DAY YEAR			16. PAS. IND. (1) Blank=N/A 1=PAS			17. DATE EST. (6) MO DAY YEAR 01 15 03		
18. GD. BASIS. IND. (1) 1=Rev. when vacant 2=Impact of Person 3=Sup./GSSG 4=Sup./Program 5=RGE 6=Policy Analysis GEG						19. DT. REQ. REC. (6) MO DAY YEAR			20. NTE. DT. (6) MO DAY YEAR			21. POS. ST. DUTY (4) Y=Perm N=Other								

22. MAINT. REV./CLASS. ACT. CD.(2) (1st Digit = Activity and 2nd Digit = Results)														
Normal Act 1=Desk Audit 2=Sup. Audit 3=Paper Rev. 4=PME/Activity Rev.			Maintenance Review Act 5=Desk Audi 6=Sup. Audit 7=Paper Rev. 8=Panel Rev.			Results 1=No Action Req. 2=Minor PD Change 3=New PD Req. 4=Title Change			5=Series Change 6=Pos. Upgrade 7=Pos. Downgrade 8=New Pos.			9=Other		

23. DT. EMP. ASGN. (6) MO DAY YEAR			24. DT. ABOL. (6) MO DAY YEAR			25. INACT/ACT (1) A 1=Inact. 2=Act.		26. DT. INACT/REACT (6) MO DAY YEAR			27. ACCTG. STAT. (4)			28. INT. ASGN. SER. (4)			29. AGCY. USE (8)		
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30. CLASSIFIER'S SIGNATURE										31. DATE			
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32. REMARKS Standard Job #1316-06																
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A. Major Duties

Typical, but not all-inclusive, duties are illustrated by performance of any combination of the following:

Performs a wide range of standard and special purpose tests including selecting and modifying test equipment or procedures to meet unusual field conditions or special requirements.

Constructs, assembles, and installs new equipment, and modifies and repairs experimental or other equipment used in the conduct of research assignments.

Sets up and calibrates laboratory/field equipment to meet the needs of the assignment. Performs field maintenance on instrumentation to insure proper operation throughout the test period.

Observes tests and records data for unusual responses indicating failure or malfunction in the test equipment.

Visually examines the test items to determine apparent damage or change and reports findings.

Assembles, tabulates and conducts analyses of collected data, with responsibility for recognizing and correcting errors, inconsistencies and other deficiencies in the data. Determines the causes of deviations in the test data, e.g., equipment malfunctions, sampling technique, or observational errors. Uses appropriate computer software in assembling and tabulating data.

Selects the best method for presenting the data and prepares charts, graphs, figures, and reports illustrating and summarizing research results. Assists the research scientist in making accurate research interpretation and drawing accurate conclusions.

Keeps work site in a neat and orderly manner.

B. Evaluation Factors

1. Knowledge Required By the Position (FLD 1-4: 550 pts)

Knowledge of, and skill in the basic hydrologic principles in order to assess readings and measurements taken, tests executed, observations made, work completed and samples collected; and understand and relate the significance of the results to the objective of the overall research assignment.

Practical knowledge of hydrologic processes, methods, and procedures necessary to perform a full range of duties in area of assignment.

Knowledge and understanding of the application of instrumentation used in analyses so that equipment can be modified to accommodate existing sampling and analytical conditions.

Knowledge of basic electricity and electronic applications, instrumentation, and programming to the extent necessary for installing data acquisition systems, sensors, and connecting conductors to recording equipment for gathering data.

Ability to follow assigned protocols and recognize and report abnormal or unexpected results.

Ability to perform various tests, and take and analyze measurements and readings.

Skill in keeping exact and detailed records of data obtained from experiments. Ability to operate a personal computer.

Ability to read schematics, flow diagrams, and graphs.

Knowledge of safe laboratory procedures.

2. Supervisory Controls (FLD 2-3: 275 pts)

The supervisor or higher graded employee initially provides direction on the priorities, objectives, and/or deadline for kinds of work previously performed in the unit and therefore covered by precedent. Assignments new to the organization or unusual assignments may be accompanied with a general background discussion, including advice on the location of reference material to use.

The incumbent identifies the work to be done to fulfill project requirements and objectives, plans and carries out the procedural and technical steps required, seeks assistance as needed, independently coordinates work efforts with outside parties, and characteristically submits only completed work. Administrative direction or decision is sought from higher authority on the course to follow when encountering significant technical or procedural problems with the work.

Review is usually in the form of an assessment as to how the incumbent resolved technical and related administrative problems encountered. Accuracy of the data produced, quality of observations made, and the sufficiency of steps employed in planning and executing the work assigned are customarily accepted without detailed review.

3. Guidelines (FLD 3-2: 125 pts)

Procedures for doing the work have been established and a number of specific guidelines are applicable.

Incumbent uses judgment in selecting the appropriate guideline because of the number, similarity, linkage, and overlapping nature of the guides. The guidelines contain criteria to solve the core question or problem contained in the assignments, though the applicability may not be readily apparent, i.e., the guides often require careful study and cross-referencing.

4. Complexity (FLD 4-2: 75 pts)

Assignments consist of performing a variety of routine procedural tasks or one or more complex duties related to regular and recurring technical work, operating a variety of pieces of equipment or one or more complex equipment systems commonly associated with the work site, and/or performing a full variety of the standardized technical support and technical duties associated with the work.

Performance of the assignments requires making choices when, for example, executing a number of sequential, related steps or assembling and installing several pieces of equipment. Incumbent exercises independence in recognizing differences, choosing the right course of action, and selecting and executing the proper task sequences for completing the work.

Incumbent deals with facts, e.g., spots readings which are outside the normal range of tolerance or acceptability, or determines how best to present raw data. Incumbent determines what needs to be done to update or complete records and documents, and initiates action to acquire needed information from others as indicated by situations encountered in the work.

5. Scope and Effect (FLD 5-2: 75 pts)

Completed assignments constitute a complete segment of assignments with broader scope, e.g., daily collects data for use by others involved in research.

Work products affect the accuracy, reliability, or acceptability of further procedures, processes or services, e.g., the ability of the scientist to complete with accuracy a phase of the research process.

6. Personal Contacts and (2b: 75 pts)

7. Purpose of Contacts

Personal contacts are with employees in the agency, inside and outside of the immediate work unit, e.g., personnel from higher level organizational units, or, occasionally, resource individuals from State or local government units, or other Federal agencies.

The purpose of personal contacts is to plan and coordinate work efforts; discuss technical requirements of equipment with manufacturers and resolve problems concerning the work or the peculiar needs of the organization; interpret data obtained and explain its purpose and significance; or reach agreement on operating problems such as recurring submission of inaccurate, untimely, incomplete or irrelevant data. The persons contacted are usually working toward a common goal and generally are reasonably cooperative.

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8. Physical Demands (FLD 8-2: 20 pts)

The work requires some physical exertion, such as regular and recurring running, walking, or bending. In many situations the duration of the activity (such as most of a work day) contributes to the arduous nature of the job. In other situations, such as in a laboratory, there may be special requirements for agility or dexterity such as exceptional hand/eye coordination.

9. Work Environment (FLD 9-2: 20 pts)

The work is performed in a laboratory, shop, field, or other research setting which involves regular and recurring moderate risks or discomforts requiring special safety precautions, e.g., working with electronic equipment or working outdoors. The employee is required to use protective clothing such as boots, goggles, gloves.

C. Other Considerations (Check if applicable)

- Supervisory Responsibilities (EEO Statement)
- Training Activities - Career Intern, Student Career Experience Program
- Motor Vehicle or Commercial Driver's License Required
- Pesticide Applicators License Required
- Safety/Radiological Safety Collateral Duties
- EEO Collateral Duties
- Drug Test Required
- Vaccine(s) Required
- Financial Disclosure Required
- Special Physical Requirements/Demands
- Other:

TOTAL POINTS: 1215 points
(GS-6 Range: 1105-1350 points)