

Opportunity to assume an environmental health leadership role in California.

California Department of Public Health is recruiting qualified physicians for the Public Health Medical Administrator I (PHMA I) classification to be chief of the Environmental Health Investigations Branch (EHIB), located in the San Francisco Bay Area in Richmond, CA. The EHIB chief oversees the Department's capabilities for environmental health surveillance, investigations, assessments, studies, and risk communication. The Branch is composed of 60 highly motivated epidemiologists, toxicologists, site assessors, health educators, researchers, analysts and support staff. The complex work in environmental health requires communication and collaboration with community members, community advocates, federal, state and local agencies. The EHIB chief must have strong verbal and written communication skills to work with multiple disciplines and levels of government. (S)he must be sensitive to environmental justice concerns and those of many different stakeholders and ideologies. EHIB is one of four branches in the Division of Environmental and Occupational Disease Control: Child Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch; Environmental Health Laboratory Branch; Occupational Health Branch are the others.

The PHMA I directly supervises four Section Chiefs (Environmental Epidemiology Section; Exposure Assessment Section; Community Participation and Education Section; and the Site Assessment Section), as well as an Assistant Branch Chief (Support Section Chief) and Branch Science Advisor. The PHMA I oversees policy recommendations, legislative analyses and budget development.

Examples of the programs and projects in EHIB are:

- California Environmental Health Tracking Program
- California Environmental Contaminants Biomonitoring Program
- California Breathing asthma program
- ATSDR cooperative agreement APPLETREE program (public health assessments)
- Delta Mercury Exposure Reduction Program (exposure to contaminated fish)
- Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring and Research
- Development of standards of practice for serving environmental justice communities
- Other emerging issues like nanotechnology, harmful algal blooms, electromagnetic fields, and mold

Salary Range: 12,559–14,653 per month

See www.ehib.org for a broader description of EHIB.

Interested applicants must apply through the State at:

<https://jobs.ca.gov/Default.aspx>

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