

Opening Date: 2/5/18
Closing Date: 6 weeks from original posting
Work Location: Austin Region (Region 4)
Posting Number: #2018-00837
Monthly Salary: \$3,800.00 - \$4,175.00/month
Group/Class: B17/1324
Travel: 50% or more
Division: Oversight and Safety Division – Pipeline Safety Department
Number of Positions: # 2 (20295 and 25572)

JOB VACANCY NOTICE

Pipeline Safety Field Inspector

Refer to Human Resources (512) 463-6981

General Description

The Railroad Commission of Texas' Oversight and Safety Division, Pipeline Safety Department has direct oversight of 224,067 miles of intra-state pipeline. Pipeline Safety is seeking field inspectors to perform technical fieldwork related to pipeline safety operations in the Austin region (Region 4). The following link, <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/about-us/organization-activities/rrc-locations/pl-counties-by-region/> will take you to the Pipeline Safety counties associated with each region. Work involves conducting pipeline safety evaluations as well as incident and accident investigations. The inspector determines pipeline operators' compliance with applicable natural gas and hazardous liquids pipeline safety rules and regulations (49 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 192 and 195; 16 Texas Administrative Code, Chapters 8 and 18). This position offers the opportunity to learn Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) standards at out-of-state training facilities and to work with industry professionals to ensure safe operation standards, as well as staying informed of new compliance regulations and industry practices. Inspectors perform site visits and provide current information on PHMSA and Railroad Commission regulations to ensure pipeline operations meet safety requirements and regulations. Work is performed under the general supervision of the Regional Supervisor and the PHMSA Program Director.

Job Duties

- Extensive overnight travel 50% or more for the first six months to one year with the potential to decrease thereafter
- Daily and overnight travel includes completing inspections, investigations and attending mandatory out of state and in state pipeline safety training
- Perform timely inspections and report findings on a consistent basis
- Must have scheduling flexibility to be on call as needed to respond to emergency situations and conduct incident and accident investigations
- Complete and submit weekly inspection reports, incident reports and administrative reports (weekly work reports, vehicle reports, travel vouchers, etc.)
- Compose and update technical reports (evaluations, investigations) on assigned laptop within prescribed time lines
- Compose and update technical reports as required for special projects as assigned
- Operating a state-issued vehicle with extensive driving and field work is an essential function of this position
- Applicants must reside in, or be willing to relocate to one of the counties listed below within the assigned region (Region 4):
 - **Counties:** Bexar, Guadalupe, Comal, Hays, Travis, Williamson, Burnet, Gonzales, Caldwell, Bastrop

Minimum Qualifications

- Graduation from a standard senior high school or G.E.D. equivalent plus four years' relevant work experience.
- Valid Texas driver's license and a good driving record.

Preferred Qualification

- B.S./M.S. in Engineering or other job related degree from an accredited four-year college or university
- OR**
- Associates degree or technical certification plus two years' relevant work experience

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Working knowledge and understanding of engineering principles, theories and techniques;
- Skilled in applying engineering concepts for conducting pipeline safety inspections;
- Knowledge of engineering procedures and mathematics;
- Ability to apply engineering concepts when inspecting gas, hazardous liquids, and CO₂ pipelines and facilities;
- Ability to effectively communicate technical information to a variety of audiences (verbal/written);
- Ability to take initiative and work independently;
- Ability to work effectively on a team;
- Ability to address issues/concerns in a professional manner;
- Ability to maintain working relationships with internal/external stakeholders;
- Ability to respond to high pressure situations and meet changing demands and timelines;
- Ability to learn regulations and standards;
- Ability to work outside in extreme weather conditions; climb and stoop; reach low and high; crawl in cramped quarters; lift or move up to 50 pounds and walk/stand outside for considerable amounts of time;
- Proficient in the use of computer systems utilizing Microsoft Office Suite and database systems;
- Demonstrated excellent organizational, communication and writing skills.