



guardians of drinking water quality

Inspector (2 posts) - Drinking Water Inspectorate
£37,987 - £43,520 (SPTO grade)

Ref: 1627545 - Inspector (SPTO) – Drinking Water Inspectorate

Make a difference in protecting public health by becoming a Drinking Water Inspector. The Drinking Water Inspectorate (DWI) is seeking talented individuals with skills and/or experience in drinking water supply/water quality to join its team of Inspectors ensuring high quality water supplies across England and Wales

The DWI is the regulator of drinking water quality in England and Wales. It operates on the behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and Welsh ministers.

Drinking Water Inspectors are involved in a wide range of tasks most of which will involve evaluating technical information about the operation and monitoring of water supply; and about the testing of drinking water samples or materials.

Inspectors must decide whether or not there has been, or is likely to be, a breach of the regulations and if so, whether enforcement action is necessary to safeguard drinking water quality. Inspectors may be involved with interviewing staff, contractors or consumers; conducting site audits to assess treatment and monitoring processes or storage facilities; and in certain circumstances may be required to attend court and give interviews to the media.

Inspectors work in teams under the direction of a Principal Inspector, however, there is a high degree of autonomy of decision making. Inspectors are responsible for managing the day to day relationship between the Inspectorate and one or more of the regulated water companies. Inspectors are also required to give authoritative advice to resolve disputes such as consumer water quality complaints or disagreements between the parties involved with the regulation or operation of a private water supply.

On an interpersonal level, you should have an enquiring mind and be motivated and dedicated to improving the approach by companies in producing a wholesome product and protecting public health. We are looking for candidates with good communication and influencing skills and those with the ability to make effective decisions.

You should have a good honour's degree or equivalent qualification in science, or engineering. This should be supported by postgraduate experience in the water industry related to water supply, water quality or Instrument Control and Automation. Applicants with postgraduate experience of environmental regulation or in an environmental laboratory will be considered. You should have attained, or be working towards, chartered status of your professional body.

You will have good IT skills and be well organised. As travelling is an integral part of the job, often to areas not served by public transport, you should have a valid driving licence, although it may be possible to adjust this requirement for those who have difficulty meeting it because of a disability. Media training, project management skills or previous investigative experience would also be advantageous.

DWI is committed to a programme of continuous professional development.

So if you would like to be involved in a role that can make a difference to public health and you have the abilities outlined above we would like to hear from you.

For further information on this vacancy, please contact Suzanne Calmels on 0208 026 4599 or 0300 068 6400 or at: suzanne.calmels@defra.gov.uk.

For further information about the work of the DWI, please visit www.dwi.gov.uk

You must register and apply online at the Civil Service Jobs [website](#)

Closing date: 10 May 2019

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