



Environmental Compliance Officer

Environmental Compliance Officers enforce and implement environmental laws in regards to water, oil, gas, energy, and other environmental sectors.



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career profile

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Compliance Officer

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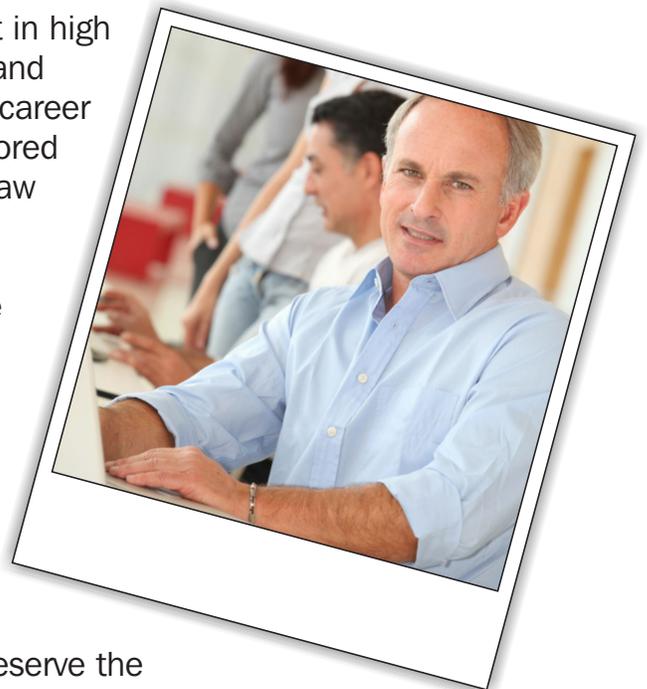
 I first became interested in the environment in high school. I took courses in environmental science and was a member of the ecology club. I also took a career interest survey in the counselor's office, and I scored high for careers related to the environment and law enforcement.

 I now work as an environmental compliance officer with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). I examine permits, licenses, applications, and records to confirm compliance with regulations. I prepare, organize, and maintain inspection records. I provide technical assistance regarding regulations. It's up to me to determine sampling locations and methods. I collect water or wastewater samples for

analysis and preserve the samples following proper protocol.

I inform individuals and groups of pollution control regulations and inspection findings, and explain how problems can be corrected. If codes have been violated, I determine the nature of the violations and the actions that should be taken. I issue written notices of violation and participate in enforcement hearings when necessary. I then monitor follow-up actions in cases where violations were found, and review compliance reports. Since I'm at risk of coming in contact with hazardous materials, I have to take precautions to keep myself safe.

 I enjoy my work and believe that I'm doing my part to keep people and the environment safe from pollutants and disease.



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overview



An **environmental compliance officer** enforces environmental laws in regards to water, oil, gas, energy, and other environmental sectors.

suggested high school courses



[environmental science](#), earth science, biology, botany, chemistry, and mathematics

experience needed



Participate on campus in labs and research trials when possible. Seek an internship while in school to gain practical experience.

degree(s) required



A bachelor's degree in soil science, biology, environmental science, or engineering is a minimum requirement for most positions.

potential employers



environmental organizations, food animal production companies, governmental agencies, research firms, universities

salary range



\$40,767 to \$73,000

employment outlook and trends



The employment outlook for environmental compliance officers is **high**.

professional organizations



Ecological Society of America www.esa.org/portland/
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