

Office of the Texas State Chemist

Texas Feed and Fertilizer Control Service
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Analytical Chemist Position Announcement

Notice of Vacancy # 10319

The Office of the Texas State Chemist (OTSC) at Texas A&M University has an immediate opening for a regulatory analytical chemist.

Housed in Texas A&M AgriLife Research, the Office of the Texas State Chemist (OTSC) is the State Agency that regulates animal feed and fertilizer, protects consumers, safeguards human/animal health, minimizes environmental hazards and enhances agribusiness through a structure of orderly commerce. OTSC has a close partnership with federal and state agencies including but not limited to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for food/feed hazard surveillance and risk management. Each year, OTSC oversees registration, compliance, and enforcement activities for more than 20 million tons of feed and fertilizer manufactured and distributed in Texas with a market value approaching \$10 billion. The ISO 17025 accredited Agricultural Analytical Service (AAS) within OTSC is charged with analyzing samples that have been taken by OTSC field investigators across the state of Texas and providing accurate and defensible analytical results to the OTSC regulatory body and assist in the decision making process.

OTSC has served as a center of excellence for service, education and research, which fosters numerous opportunities for future career development, training and continuous education. The friendly working environment and career assistance components make OTSC the ideal place for professional growth. Texas A&M University is one of the most prestigious public universities in the US, and ranks 24th in total research expenditure among all US universities in 2015. College Station ranks among the most livable towns in the US for its excellent public school system and very low cost of living. The current job opening will be provided with the full Texas A&M health and retirement benefit package.

The candidate is expected to possess a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry, Biology or other related science; a M.S. is preferred. Also required is at least one year of analytical chemistry techniques experience and proficiency in a wide variety of equipment. The expected hire will have excellent oral and written communication skills, ability to multi task and work cooperatively in a team environment. The new hire will receive thorough training in safety, the quality control system, and prescribed methodologies. The analytical chemist responsibilities include sample preparation, analysis, maintenance of apparatus and instrumentation, and evaluation and reporting of results.

Application (with résumé and cover letter) may be completed online at <http://greatjobs.tamu.edu> (NOV#10319). The Office of the Texas State Chemist is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action/Veterans/Disability Employer.