

Office of the Texas State Chemist

Texas Feed and Fertilizer Control Service
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Analytical Chemist I Position Announcement

Notice of Vacancy #R-050656

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

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 25 million tons of feed and fertilizer manufactured and distributed in Texas with a market value of \$15 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 hosts a wide array of analytical instrumentation that support their regulatory science mission and its involvement in food protection including food defense and provides opportunities to engage in research, outreach 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 17th in total research expenditures, exceeded \$1 billion in 2020. 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. Also required is one year of analytical chemistry techniques experience.. The expected hire will have good 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:

<https://agrilifeas.tamu.edu/hr/careers-employment/> (NOV# R-050656). The Office of the Texas State Chemist is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action/Veterans/Disability Employer.