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Biosafety Officer, Groton, CT

Pfizer – CT currently has an opening for a Biosafety Officer. The application deadline for this position is March 9. The full description and information regarding how to apply can be found on Pfizer's careers website (www.pfizer.com/careers) by searching for the job opening title Biological Safety Officer as keywords, or by using the job opening ID 1047857.

Role Description

The Biological Safety Officer (BSO) is primarily responsible for providing technical biosafety support and implementing & overseeing biological safety programs for all Connecticut based facility operations to ensure a safe workplace and compliance with regulatory and Pfizer EHS requirements. The BSO will also be responsible for implementing important aspects of the EHS management system such as operational control, risk assessment, inspections, and investigations. This position requires a 'hands-on approach' to partner multiple business lines and colleagues to ensure compliance with applicable guidelines, regulatory and Pfizer EHS standards and continuous improvement of EHS performance.

Responsibilities

- Implements and oversees biological safety programs covering infectious or potentially infectious materials, including bloodborne pathogens, work with human and non-human primate materials, as well as biological select agents and toxins, and recombinant and synthetic nucleic acids.
- Provides advice and support to the scientific lines on the implementation of Pfizer Health & Safety standards, site safety policies, standards and procedures, and regulations governing biological safety.
- Maintains and develops safety management systems (including policies & procedures and training) that enhance the biological safety programs.
- Review and approve studies involving biological agents through Pfizer's electronic Biological Agent Registration (eBAR) system.
- Develops metrics to measure performance and goals to achieve continuous improvement in safety performance
- Actively support and lead the site BioSafety Council
- Support the Groton Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
- Review and approve the purchase of biological agents
- Perform and document risk assessments of biological agent use and associated equipment in consultation with customers and other EHS SMEs
- Liaises with internal customers/stakeholders.
- Develops and communicates specific biosafety handling practices to meet hazard mitigation and risk reduction.

- Investigates workplace incidents, determines root cause, and develops corrective actions.
- Participates in and on Global EHS Audits.
- Participates on Pfizer Global EHS & Engineering teams in relation to BioSafety
- EHS Liaison to one or more science line.
- Facilitate registration with CT Dept. of Public Health

Qualifications

Education and Experience:

- Bachelor's degree in the biological or physical sciences
- Minimum of seven years' experience implementing biosafety-related programs or related experience working with biological materials in a laboratory setting in combination with safety committee participation
- Preferred:
 - Master's degree preferred
 - Registered Biosafety Professional and an active member of the American Biological Safety Association.

Technical/Job-Related Skills:

Possesses a strong understanding of biosafety principles, lab safety programs and key processes such as risk assessment, inspections, audits and investigations.

Ability to independently assess biosafety risks and programs and sensitively communicate/collaborate with line management on appropriate risk control measures
 Demonstrated working knowledge of local, state and federal regulatory requirements and guidelines associated with biosafety

Exceptional interpersonal and negotiation skills

Strong verbal and written communication skills

Self-motivated/self-starter with ability to multi-task and work effectively with minimal supervision

PHYSICAL/MENTAL REQUIREMENTS:

Due to the nature of work assignment, the Biosafety Officer must be able to perform detailed work on multiple, concurrent tasks, with frequent interruptions and under time constraints. On a daily basis, the position responsibilities may require the ability to stoop; to reach; to stand, to walk the site for extended periods of time; to push and/or pull objects weighing up to 30 pounds; to lift and carry objects weighing up to 15 pounds; to sit/stand at a computer workstation for extended periods of time. On a frequent basis, essential duties of the position may require the ability to climb stairs, to kneel and/or crouch to retrieve items.

Other Information - Internal

Colleagues who are issued an Incident Final Warning (IFW) on or after January 1, 2016, are not eligible to post and compete for a position for a period of 12-months from the date an IFW is issued.

EEO & Employment Eligibility

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