

TITLE: Lab Animal Maintenance Technician **SALARY** **ISSUED:** 1/94
UNION: AFSCME **SCHEDULE:** _____ **& 3/88**
 SALARY **CLASS**
 GRADE: _____ **CODE:** AS506
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POSITION PURPOSE

Perform a variety of routine tasks incident to the maintenance of laboratory animal caging, cagewashing equipment, and auxiliary areas within an animal care facility or facilities at the University.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

- Clean and disinfect animal cages, pens and heavy (30-60 lbs.) floor grates via water hosing method or automatic machine casewashing device. Mix chemical cleansing solutions and agents (e.g. bleach, acid cleaner and detergents) to disinfect and sanitize bottles, pails, pans, cages, pens and entire work area. Sanitize floors using brooms, mops, wet-n-dry vacuum and/or floor scrubber. Remove, incinerate and dispose of soiled bedding. Incinerate deceased animals and dispose of remains accordingly.
- Receive animal feed, bedding and supplies. Transport heavy (30-60 lbs.) animal feed and bedding bags using moving equipment to various locations. Operate transport vehicles (e.g. van or truck) having either automatic or standard transmission as well as mechanical or manual equipment to move materials to appropriate locations. Assist division transportation technician to transport a variety of laboratory animal species, equipment, supplies and materials which support research activity within an animal care facility or facilities at the university.
- Maintain safe working conditions at all times by using equipment and supplies following appropriate safety procedures; protect against controllable fairly predictable hazards wearing safety mask, goggles, gloves, boots and other protective clothing. Complete work assignments represented by frequent handling and transporting of semi-sedentary (0-10 lbs.) to very heavy (60 lbs.) equipment and supplies.
- Maintain logs and records to report equipment (i.e. cagewash) malfunction and/or breakdown and follow-up. May provide, with supervision, assistance to Laboratory Animal Leaders or Tech II job functions (i.e. changing pan liners, placing water bottles on cages, restraining animals.)
- Attend departmental staff meetings. Participate in continuing education and employee training programs. Maintenance of lab animal equipment and facilities requires rotation through several on-campus and off-campus research facilities.
- Perform related work as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- High School graduate or an equivalent combination of education and/or experience.
- Some experience in an accredited animal care facility preferred.
- Possession and maintenance of a valid Michigan vehicle operator's license and satisfactory driving record as determined by University policy.
- Some experience and knowledge in the use and maintenance of various cagewashers, cabinet washers and bottle washers.
- Some knowledge in the proper safety and use of cleaning chemicals.
- Ability to transport a variety of extremely light to very heavy laboratory animal caging and equipment in weight from 70g - 100lbs.
- Ability to communicate effectively with others.