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Ability to follow assigned protocols, recognize, and report abnormal or unexpected results.

Skill in keeping exact and detailed records of data obtained from experiments.
Ability to operate a personal computer.

Knowledge of safe laboratory procedures.

2. Supervisory Controls

Level 2-2, 125 pts

The supervisor or designated authority makes continuing assignments by initially indicating, orally or through written work orders, such criteria as the amount of work expected, general explanation of what is to be done, advice on the location of reference material or work samples, and the nature of the limits applicable to the assignments.

Within established procedures, the incumbent independently executes the task sequences associated with recurring and continuing work and makes adjustments to accommodate needed minor deviations in work methods. Unfamiliar situations or technical deviations from established practices are referred to the supervisor for guidance or resolution.

The supervisor or designee ensures that tasks completed, data developed, the methods used in securing and verifying data, and application of guidelines are technically accurate and in compliance with instructions and established procedures.

3. Guidelines

Level 3-2, 125 pts

Procedures for doing the work have been established and a number of specific guidelines are applicable.

Incumbent uses judgment in selecting the appropriate guidelines because of the number, similarity, linkage, and overlapping nature of the guides. The guidelines contain criteria to solve the core question or problems contained in the assignments, though the applicability may not be readily apparent, i.e., the guides often require careful study and cross-referencing.

4. Complexity

Level 4-2, 75 pts

Assignments consist of performing a variety of routine procedural tasks or one or more complex duties related to regular and recurring technical work, operating a variety of pieces of equipment or one or more complex equipment systems commonly associated with the work site, and/or performing a full variety of the

standardized technical support and technical duties associated with the work.

Performance of the assignments requires making choices when, for example, executing a number of sequential, related steps or assembling several pieces of equipment. Incumbent exercises independence in recognizing differences, choosing the right course of action, and selecting and executing the proper task sequences for completing the work.

Incumbent deals with facts, e.g., spots readings which are outside the normal range of tolerance or acceptability, or determines how best to present raw data. Incumbent determines what needs to be done to update or complete records and documents, and initiates action to acquire needed information from others as indicated by situations encountered in the work.

5. Scope and Effect **Level 5-2, 75 pts**

Completed assignments constitute a complete segment of assignments with broader scope, e.g., daily collects data for use by others involved in research.

Work products affect the accuracy, reliability, or acceptability of further procedures, processes or services, e.g., the ability of the scientist to complete with accuracy a phase of the research process.

6. Personal Contacts

Personal contacts are with employees in the agency, inside and outside of immediate work unit, e.g., personnel from higher level organizational units, or, occasionally, resource individuals from state and local government units, or other federal agencies.

7. Purpose of Contacts **Level 2b, 75 pts**

The personal contacts are established to exchange information about procedures, schedules, or operating problems; clarify information on records; report on the results of studies; explain the steps involved in operating equipment; explain the reason that work is being performed; or to exchange other factual information. The facts or information exchanged may range from easily understood to highly technical.

8. Physical Demands **Level 8-2, 20 pts**

The work requires some physical exertion, such as regular and recurring walking or bending. In many situations the duration of the activity (such as most of a work day) contributes to the arduous nature of the job. In other situations, there may be special requirements for agility or dexterity such as exceptional hand/eye coordination.

9. Work Environment

Level 9-2, 20 pts

The work is performed in a laboratory, shop, or other research setting which involves regular and recurring moderate risk or discomforts requiring special safety precautions, e.g., working with electronic equipment or working outdoors. The employee is required to use protective clothing such as gowns, coats, boots, goggles, gloves.

**Total points = 1,065
GS-5 = 855 – 1,100 pts**

C. Other Considerations (Check if applicable)

- Supervisory Responsibilities (EEO Statement)
- Training Activities - Career Intern, Student Career Experience Program
- Motor Vehicle or Commercial Driver's License Required
- Pesticide Applicators License Required
- Safety/Radiological Safety Collateral Duties
- EEO Collateral Duties
- Drug Test Required
- Vaccine(s) Required
- Financial Disclosure Required
- Special Physical Requirements/Demands
- Other: