SERIES PURPOSE:
The purpose of the economist occupation is to develop research techniques, methodologies & procedures & conduct economic & financial analysis & cost research studies.

CLASS TITLE:
Economist

CLASS NUMBER:
6631

EFFECTIVE DATE:
03/26/1990

CLASS CONCEPT:
The full performance level class works under direction & requires considerable knowledge of economics, statistics, mathematics, finance & accounting in order to develop research techniques & conduct economic & financial analysis & cost research studies.
EFFECTIVE DATE
03/26/1990

JOB DUTIES IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE: (These duties are illustrative only. Incumbents may perform some or all of these duties or other job-related duties as assigned.)
Develops research techniques, methodologies & procedures & conducts socio-economic & financial analysis & cost research studies (e.g., develops & proposes techniques to analyze ability of municipalities or industries to fund pollution abatement projects relative to abilities of other entities to fund projects; develops alternate methods for use/value & cost/benefit analysis & proposes methodologies for statewide use), makes recommendations based on economic & financial analyses (e.g., recommends applicability of economic variances for municipalities & industries, recommends level of civil penalty & ability to pay civil penalty, recommends eligibility for hardship loan) & recommends policy & procedures concerning economic analyses activities.

Develops system to collect, store & tabulate all economic data required by evaluators.

Contacts various parties (e.g., federal & local government representatives, other state agencies, general public) to promote & assist with economic evaluation program; attends variety of meetings as required; reviews & comments on various reports (e.g., reports from entities under evaluation/study, other agency reports, other governmental agency reports, private sector reports).

MAJOR WORKER CHARACTERISTICS:
Knowledge of economics; statistics; mathematics; finance; accounting; public relations; applicable state & federal regulations & agency policies & procedures*. Skill in operation of calculator; personal computer*. Ability to use research methods in gathering data; interpret large variety of technical material in books, journals & manuals; write &/or edit papers, technical in nature; define problems, collect data, establish facts & draw valid conclusions; deal with variety of variables & determine specific course of action.

(*)Developed after employment.

MINIMUM CLASS QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT:
Completion of graduate core program in economics to include statistics, mathematics, accounting, micro & macro-economic theory.
-Or completion of undergraduate core program in economics to include statistics, mathematics, accounting, micro & macro-economic theory & 12 mos. exp. performing economic & financial analysis & cost research studies.
-Or alternative, equivalent evidence of the Major Worker Characteristics noted above.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT REQUIRED TO REMAIN IN THE CLASSIFICATION AFTER EMPLOYMENT:
Not applicable.

UNUSUAL WORKING CONDITIONS:
Not applicable.