

Earth Day 2012



Career Profile

Name: Chao-Chuan Liao
Job Title: Chemist 3
Location: Bureau of Laboratories
Years with DEP: 21

What kinds of activities do you perform on a daily basis?

I supervise chemists who conduct analyses involving volatile organic compounds and perform administrative duties as needed. I also maintain and operate analytical instruments.

What kind of educational background do you have?

I have a doctorate degree in analytical chemistry.

What is the most challenging part of your job?

The hardest thing about my job is time management and setting priorities among various duties.

What got you interested in working in an environmental field?

I wanted to work in the environmental field because it has a fast and direct impact on peoples' lives.

What is the most rewarding part of your job?

It is rewarding to know that my job will help protect the citizens of Pennsylvania from environmental hazards.

What advice do you have for someone thinking about a career in environmental science?

Think "green" and do your part to preserve our planet.