



SPECIAL WASTE TECHNICIAN

CLASS SUMMARY: Works in the Waste Management Division in the management of special waste and hazardous waste and conducts load inspection programs; helps collect, sort, manifest and prepare for disposal or recycling hazardous and special waste; assists in the cleanup of spills and performs related duties as assigned.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED: Receives direct supervision from the Waste Management Manager. May receive technical review from Special Waste Specialist and technical and functional supervision from Waste Management field supervisors.

TYPICAL CLASS ESSENTIAL DUTIES: (These duties are a representative sample; position assignments may vary.)

1. Conducts the field work for the load inspection program including inspection of the waste, collection, sorting, packing, manifesting, and preparation for disposal of any special/hazardous material.
2. Transports the collected waste to the temporary storage facility.
3. Contacts the generators of unacceptable waste found in the load check program.
4. Removal, cleanup and proper packaging of unacceptable materials.
5. Assists with the operations of the Household Hazardous Waste and CEG Collection Programs.
6. Inspects and monitors the temporary special/hazardous waste storage facility and ensures all materials are properly prepared for storage.
7. Assists in the conduct of special projects related to special and hazardous waste.
8. Operates a fork lift or other equipment for loading special waste for transport, storage or for load checking.
9. Prepares report forms and transport manifests.
10. Keeps track of the hazardous waste inventory.
11. Provides special waste training to Waste Management field staff.

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Knowledge of (position requirements at entry):

- Some knowledge of environmental science, EPA, DEQ, OSHA, and other regulations pertaining to special and hazardous waste.
- Knowledge of the proper handling, storage, disposal and safety concerns related to special and hazardous waste materials.
- Knowledge of operation and maintenance of equipment used in special and hazardous waste handling.
- Knowledge of policies and procedures for record keeping and inventory control.

Ability to (position requirements at entry):

- Interpret and apply written and oral policy and state and federal regulations relative to the functioning of special and hazardous waste programs.
- Communicate effectively both orally and in writing.
- Work independently and as part of a team.
- Perform duties with care, safety and accuracy.
- Physically rake, shovel, push, pull, lift waste during the load checking process.
- Work outside in inclement weather.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with contractors, haulers, other Waste Management Division staff, and the public.

Training and Experience (positions in this class typically require):

Equivalent to completion of the twelfth grade supplemented by at least one year of specialized training in hazardous waste management or a related field. (Associate of Science degree, including some course work in environmental science, preferred.) One year experience in handling and management of hazardous materials or waste. An equivalent combination of experience and training which would provide the candidate with appropriate knowledge, skill and ability is qualifying.

Licensing Requirements (positions in this class may require):

- Possession of a valid Oregon Driver's license.

NOTE: This position is represented by AFSCME Local 2831.

Classification History:

FLSA Status: Non-Exempt