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Classification Description

Title: Hazardous Waste Technician

Job Code: 0331

Pay Range: 13

FLSA Status: Non-exempt

Bargaining Unit: AFSCME 3580

Established: 1990

Revised: 2021

EEO Category: Paraprofessional

Description

Receive, process and dispose of household and Commercially Exempt Generators hazardous waste collected at facilities and neighborhood collection sites under the direction of the Hazardous Waste Supervisor. Respond to emergencies and chemical releases in the Hazardous Waste Facility, transfer station and remote collection sites.

Distinguishing Features

The Hazardous Waste Technician differs from the Hazardous Waste Specialist by performing work that is directly related to handling hazardous waste. The Technician works under the Specialist.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Receives, sorts, inspects, manifests and disposes of incoming household and Commercially Exempt Generators hazardous waste.
2. Labpacks materials and chemicals by categorizing them into appropriate hazard classes pursuant to DOT and ODEQ regulations.
3. Provides technical and educational information to the public. Addresses customer questions or concerns.
4. Identifies unknown materials using wet chemistry analysis techniques to determine the hazard class for proper disposal.
5. Responds to emergencies and chemical releases.
6. Assists in the cleanup of spills from incoming waste loads.
7. Prepares inventory counts, report forms and transport manifests.
8. Documents facility operations. Performs routine record keeping and completes incident reports.
9. Performs facility and equipment maintenance as necessary.
10. Conducts load checks by investigating illegal disposal of hazardous waste in solid waste stream to determine generator. Works with appropriate authorities to resolve compliance issue.

Secondary Functions

1. Assists in training new hazardous waste technicians, temporary employees and student interns.
2. Performs other related duties as assigned.

Job Specifications

Education/Licensing and Experience

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One year of specialized training or experience in a field related to hazardous waste management and a High school diploma or G.E.D.; or any combination of education and experience which would provide the candidate with the desired knowledge, skill and ability required to perform the job. An Associate degree, including some coursework in chemistry, environmental science and mathematics is preferred. Possession of a valid Oregon Driver's License. May be required to obtain an Oregon Commercial Driver's License within three months of hire.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Hazardous waste handling and disposal requirements
- EPA, DEQ and other regulations pertaining to hazardous waste
- Some knowledge of environmental science
- Some knowledge of basic software programs such as Access, Excel and Word
- Establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with contractors, haulers, Metro staff and the public
- Communicate effectively, both orally and in writing
- Provide quality customer service
- Maintain calm in stressful situations
- Work independently and as part of a team
- Work outdoors in all types of weather conditions
- Operate all tools and equipment in a safe manner consistent with procedures and training. This includes, but it is not limited to: Metro vehicles, material handling equipment, waste processing equipment, monitoring equipment, and hand tools. This position requires the ability to obtain and maintain Metro forklift certification.
- This position requires a high level of situational awareness to ensure your own safety and the safety of those on site during busy operations involving site traffic, heavy equipment, hazardous materials, and emergency situations.

Supervision Received

Lead direction is received from a Hazardous Waste Specialist. Overall supervision is received from the Program or Facility Supervisor.

Supervision Exercised

May lead temporary workers, interns or volunteers.

Working Conditions

This position requires the ability to perform those activities necessary to complete the essential functions of the job, either with or without reasonable accommodation. Incumbents are often required to perform the elements of this position while encumbered by protective equipment or clothing. This is a highly physical position and may require frequent or continuous standing, stooping, bending, twisting, walking, talking, sitting, fingering, grasping, handling and good general hearing. May also require occasional reaching, feeling, repetitive motions of the hands/wrists, kneeling, climbing,

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and the ability to lift and/or carry up to 50 pounds and push and/or pull up to 1000 pounds. Duties require incumbent to work indoors and outdoors, subject to inclement weather.

The classification description indicates the general nature and level of work of positions grouped within this classification; it is not intended to be a comprehensive inventory of all duties and responsibilities, job specifications, work environment or other characteristics of a specific position. The classification description is not an employment agreement between the employee and Metro or Metro's visitor venues and is subject to change by Metro. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable qualified individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.