

# IWM HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE TECHNICIAN

County of Calaveras

Range # 7344 (Non-Exempt)

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## **DEFINITION**

Under general supervision, oversees and operates the Permanent Household Hazardous Collection Facility at Rock Creek; assists in coordinating and implementing satellite household hazardous waste and conditionally-exempt small quantity generator (CESQU) collection programs; and supports related solid waste programs and activities.

## **DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS**

This is a skilled class position that requires incumbents to use independent judgment, and initiative in operation of the Permanent Household Hazardous Collection Facility (PHHWCF). This position requires a working knowledge of hazardous materials management and governing federal and state regulations. This position is distinguished from the Maintenance Worker in that HHW Technician has a primary role in operating the PHHWCF and may experience extended exposure to conditions that require Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE) including, but not limited to, skin and respiratory protection.

## **EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:**

Under general supervision, the incumbent will oversee the daily operations of the PHHWCF. Examples of such duties include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- Opening and closing the Facility on a daily basis.
- Unloading hazardous waste from customers' vehicles.
- Segregating wastes by hazard classification.
- Using hazardous categorization test methods to characterize unknown waste and determine hazard classification.
- Bulking liquid hazardous and non-hazardous (latex paint) waste.
- Packaging hazardous and non-hazardous (latex paint) waste for onsite storage and eventual transport for offsite disposal or recycling.
- Labeling waste containers.
- Preparing and tracking manifests.
- Completing inventories of wastes stored onsite.
- Coordinating general facility maintenance, and maintaining adequate supplies for Facility operation.
- Incumbent may also train and supervise the work of others in these duties.

Incumbent will be responsible for adhering to the County Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP) and assure that all work is conducted in strict accordance with prevailing regulations that

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govern hazardous waste management. A secondary assignment of the position will be to assist with implementing and coordinating satellite programs for the collection of household hazardous waste in communities that are distant from the Rock Creek Landfill. In addition to these duties, incumbent will provide support to other solid waste operations as directed.

## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

### **Knowledge of:**

Properties of hazardous materials; proper management techniques for hazardous waste; general chemistry principles; safety practices for hazardous material handling and disposal; federal, state and local laws pertaining to hazardous waste management.

### **Skill and Ability to:**

Effectively use tools and equipment necessary to perform duties including, but not limited to, combustible gas indicator (CGI), hazard categorization instruments, hazardous categorization kits, scales, hazardous materials research literature and PPE. Skillfully and safely operate light power equipment; understand and carry out oral and written directions; perform physical labor requiring manual dexterity and agility; read, write and communicate at the level required for successful job performance; maintain cooperative working relationships.

### **Training, Experience and Certifications:**

An example of the education and experience that demonstrates the skills, knowledge and abilities to perform the duties would be an Associate degree from an accredited institution in hazardous materials management and one year of experience in hazardous materials handling and management. California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI) Hazardous Materials Training is also highly desirable.

### **Special Requirements:**

Must possess valid driver's license. Must possess at a minimum, the appropriate hazardous waste operations training certificate pursuant to 29 CFR 1910.120. Incumbent may given up to six months after employment to secure the required certificate.

Incumbent may be required to attend additional hazardous material training including, but not limited to, hazardous categorization training and secure associated certificate(s). Incumbent must participate in medical surveillance program.

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## **PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORKING CONDITIONS**

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS:** Requires the mobility to work indoors and in a field environment. Requires the ability to walk, stand, stoop, climb, balance, bend, kneel, crouch, squat, crawl, twist, and reach while performing duties; lift and/or move more than 50 pounds of weight; perform grasping and fine manipulation. Must be able to maintain effective audio-visual discrimination and perception needed for making observations, communicating with others, reading and writing, and operating office equipment, tools and specialized equipment. Must be able to use a telephone to communicate verbally and keyboard to communicate through written means to review information and enter/retrieve data, to see and reach characters on a computer screen. Requires the strength and stamina to perform operational duties such as on the sort line, scale house and on the landfill working face.

**WORKING CONDITIONS:** Work is performed indoors and in field environments, sometimes under adverse weather conditions including extreme heat or cold, and wetness. Adverse working conditions may include above average noise, traffic and machinery hazards, working in heights, exposure to fumes/dust, odor, and skin irritants, and standing for long periods of time. Worker operates hand and electrical tools. Will be required to work weekends and holidays. May be required to travel to various transfer stations throughout the County to perform maintenance duties or conduct inspections.

## **OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

This class description lists the major duties and requirements of the job and is not all-inclusive. Not all duties are necessarily performed by each incumbent. Incumbents may be expected to perform job-related duties other than those contained in this document and may be required to have specific job-related knowledge and skills.