

SNOHOMISH COUNTY JOB DESCRIPTION

MODERATE RISK WASTE FACILITY TECHNICIAN

Spec No. 3223

BASIC FUNCTION

To assist in the operation of the County's Moderate Risk Waste (MRW) Facility and to provide technical assistance to businesses and the public with hazardous waste management questions.

STATEMENT OF ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES

1. Receives, tracks, categorizes, packages, treats, labels, tests and processes MRW received from the general public and qualified commercial generators at the facility. Prepares for safe transport and transports MRW from solid waste transfer stations, rural drop boxes and community drop off sites sponsored by the county.
2. Provides technical assistance to the public and businesses, on the telephone and in person, regarding proper Moderate Risk Waste disposal, waste tracking and the use of less toxic alternative products.
3. Assists other staff assigned to the facility with a wide range of tasks.
4. Inspects drums/skids of waste in storage daily, maintains inventory of all waste in the facility, and facility supplies and personal protective equipment.
5. Assists with the scheduling of waste shipments and preparation of shipping manifests.
6. Assists with hazardous substance spill control, containment and clean up. Works closely with MRW Specialist to assess immediate risk to facility staff and others on site, assists with evacuation of the area and helps determine final remediation of impacted areas.
7. Assists the MRW Specialist with Small Quantity Generators (SQG), including organizing paperwork, designating/profiling waste, and researching/collecting Safety Data Sheets (SDS) to assure proper packing and labeling of all waste accepted into the facility.
8. Receives payment for disposal services from SQG's and latex paint recycling and records these transactions into an automated system and reconciles cash received on a daily basis.

STATEMENT OF OTHER JOB DUTIES

9. Provides job-related information and technical data to Solid Waste Department employees, consultants, regulatory agencies and the general public.
10. Provides purchase request input and justification as needed; assists with the preparation of bid specifications.
11. Performs routine labor as required and work in a fast paced, multi-tasking environment.

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Two (2) years of vocational or college level course work in general science, chemistry, algebra, or natural science. Solid waste or hazardous waste experience may be substituted for the required education; OR any equivalent combination of training and/or experience that provides the required knowledge and abilities. Must pass job related tests, including a physical test to demonstrate the ability to perform the essential job duties.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Successful completion of the Hazardous Waste Operations Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) 40-Hour and on-the-job training program. Possession of or ability to obtain a 40 hour certification in Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) within two (2) months of employment. A valid Washington State Drivers License. Pass the annual lung capacity test for wearing a respirator. A valid First Aid Card with CPR endorsement must be obtained within six (6) months of employment.

A job offer will be conditioned on satisfactory results of a post offer medical examination or inquiry.

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of:

- use of personal computers
- chemical compatibility, hazard classes, hazard categorization and their associated risks
- federal/state hazardous waste laws and regulations and the exemption for moderate risk waste
- principles of effective communication and the dissemination of information to the general public and the business community

Ability to:

- work effectively with the general public, the business community and co-workers
- communicate effectively, in person and over the phone
- write routine reports and correspondence
- speak effectively before small groups
- read and interpret documents such as safety rules, operating and maintenance instructions
- apply concepts of basic algebra and geometry, and to calculate figures and quantities such as discounts, interest, percentages and volume
- solve practical problems and deal with a variety of concrete variables in situations where only limited standardizations exist
- interpret a variety of instructions furnished in written, oral, diagram, or schedule form
- read procedure manuals

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- write routine reports and correspondence

PHYSICAL EFFORT

When working at the facility, the incumbent will be working with paints, pesticides, herbicides, cleaning solutions, acids, oxidizers, oils, and unknown chemicals which require wearing protective gear, including a respirator. Use of a respirator requires no facial hair (such as a beard or mustache) which could interfere with proper function of a respirator. Must be willing to participate in the medical monitoring program, adopted for MRW facility staff. Incumbent must be able to carry up to fifty (50) pounds on their own and be able to safely move fifty-five (55) gallon drums weighting up to 500 pounds with a hand cart designed for that purpose. Assigned job duties will require the safe operation of a forklift.

SUPERVISION

The employee receives supervision from the Lead of the section to which assigned. The employees' direct supervisor is the Solid Waste Superintendent. Assignments are made indicating generally what is to be done, the quantity of work expected and any deadlines which are to be met. The employee carries out recurring assignments as he/she becomes proficient and receives additional specific instructions for new or unusual assignments. The work may be reviewed for completeness and accuracy or the employee may perform tasks which have inherent checks built into the nature of the work.

WORKING CONDITIONS

The majority of the work will be performed at the Moderate Risk Waste Facility. Some duties will require work at other county facilities and/or special event sites and/or community based drop-off sites.

Snohomish County is an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) employer.
Accommodations for individuals with disabilities are provided upon request.

[EEO policy and ADA notice](#)

Class Established: January 1998 as Moderate Risk Waste Technician

Revised: September 1998, November 2000, November 2001

Retitled: May 2011

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EEO Category: 3 – Technicians

Pay Grade: 235 - Classified

Workers Comp: 1501 Hazardous