

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

HAZARDOUS WASTE TECHNICIAN I **Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority**

Permanent, full-time
Starting wage: \$14.50 per hour.
Potential for promotion to Technician II

Operational base: Ukiah, California

Last date for submission of applications: January 3, 2010

JOB DEFINITION

Under supervision of Manager and Supervisor, technician will participate in the operation of household hazardous waste collection program in Mendocino and Lake counties, based in Ukiah, administered by local government joint powers agency. Technician will receive from the public materials such as oil, paint, pesticides, herbicides, chemicals, batteries and fluorescent light tubes, and package, store and ship them for recycling, treatment or disposal. Hazardous materials will be consolidated at a storage site in Ukiah, where technician will process paint and other materials. Technician will drive a truck with 36-foot collection trailer and set it up for collection events at locations throughout Mendocino and Lake counties. Technician will operate a forklift to move 55-gallon drums and pallets. Technician will remove refrigerant, mercury switches and oil from discarded appliances. Technician will participate in illegal dump cleanup work. Technician will perform other related duties under the direction of the Manager and Supervisor.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

Technician will work outdoors. Technician will potentially be exposed to hazardous materials and fumes, and protective clothing and eye protection will be required normally and a respirator under some circumstances.

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

1. A commitment to environmental protection and improvement in the hazardous waste practices of the community.
2. Willingness and ability to follow without exception all safety rules for collection, handling, storage and transportation of hazardous waste.
3. Ability to communicate effectively and courteously with the public.
4. Good physical condition with ability to lift 70 lbs. and carry out sustained hard work outdoors.
5. Ability to read, understand and apply written rules concerning the handling, storage and shipment of hazardous waste.

6. Ability to accurately complete paperwork associated with hazardous waste.
7. Ability to learn and implement procedures for analyzing unidentified chemical substances.
8. Valid California driver's license, excellent driving record, and eligibility for California Class A driver's license with hazardous materials endorsement.
9. Willingness to undergo random drug and alcohol testing in accordance with federal regulations for drivers of vehicles transporting hazardous waste.
10. Willingness and ability to work most Saturdays, with Sunday and Monday as regular days off, and to work overtime if required.

EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

High school diploma or equivalent is required. Additional training or education is desirable, particularly in the hazardous materials field. Probationary employees hired for the position will be enrolled in a 5-day hazardous materials safety training class and successful completion will be required for continued employment.

EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should have a work history that demonstrates the general qualifications for the position. Experience that is useful for the position, but not required, includes, but is not necessarily limited to, hazardous materials management, environmental improvement, recycling, chemical handling and analysis, and truck transport.

SELECTION & TRAINING PROCESS

Applications will be screened with those applicants judged most qualified invited to test for the position. A written test will be given. Department of Motor Vehicles driving record printout will be required of applicants at this stage. Hiring will be made on a probationary basis. A physician's physical examination will be required after an offer of employment is made, and will include a urine test for prohibited substances. Probationary status will continue for 6 months, during which the employee may be discharged at any time if it is believed to be in the best interests of the program.

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

Position is full-time, 40 hours per week. Wage is \$14.50 to start. Promotion to Hazardous Waste Technician II is discretionary and depends on work performance. Blue Shield group insurance plan is provided for employees.

FILING DATE

Submit a completed Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority application to:

Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority
P.O. Box 123, Ukiah, CA 95482

Postmarked no later than January 3, 2010. Applications postmarked later than the deadline or incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicants may supplement the application form with a resume.

Applications are available at the following location:

Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority
101 W. Church Street, Room 9, Ukiah
(note: this is not a mailing address. Mail goes to P.O. Box 123)

For further information, contact:

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