

WAGE GRADE CAREER PATH

WG 6913

Hazardous Waste Disposing

This occupation covers nonsupervisory work involved in identifying, collecting, processing, stabilizing, neutralizing, consolidating, and/or separating hazardous waste in preparation for disposal. The work requires knowledge of hazardous waste identification techniques and safe processing and packaging procedures. The work also requires an understanding and practical application of environmental rules and practices regarding the full range of hazardous waste material treatment and disposal procedures. Work within this occupation typically requires basic skill in the use of computers to access information systems to retrieve data pertaining to temporary storage, and processing information regarding hazardous wastes. Most work requires regular or incidental use of motor vehicles, fork lifts, and in some cases, warehouse tugs. In some work situations, hazardous waste disposers at industrial facilities may be required to participate on hazardous waste response teams to control accidental spills, overflows, and other emergency situations that may arise involving both hazardous wastes and materials.

WG02 - **Step**

Part 1

Apprentice/Helper/Trainee; Trade/Less than Journeyman

WG05

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| | 1 Complete New Hire Orientation |
| | 2 Complete Civilian Training Plan requirements for current position |
| | 3 Complete task qualifications for current position |
| | 4 Complete task certifications for current position |
| | 5 Master simple to common work tasks under supervision |
| | 6 Maintain successful to above average performance ratings |

WG05 -

Part 2

Trade/Less than Journeyman

WG08

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| | 1 Continue required on-the-job and formal classroom training required in Civilian Training Plan |
| | 2 Complete task qualifications for current position |
| | 3 Complete task certifications for current position |
| | 4 Master common to complex work tasks. At grade 6, hazardous waste disposers collect, process, package and prepare hazardous wastes for temporary storage and disposal. They operate manual and power lifting devices and motor vehicles to pick up, transport, and temporarily store industrial waste and other types of hazardous waste. They may operate reclamation equipment such as distillation and vaporization units used to recycle liquid hazardous wastes. Hazardous waste disposers visually examine hazardous waste containers at generation sites for leakage and other indications of deterioration. They perform safety and operational checks on inventories of hazardous waste handling equipment such as pumps, mixing tanks, and automatic sampling devices. They check hazardous material containment facilities to insure proper containment and physical separation of incompatible wastes. They ensure that all items transported and/or stored have proper hazardous waste identification labels. They verify that all identification labels include the shop of origin number, waste information, dates, categories, and type of waste. disposers operate computer terminals to access databases for processing, storing, and shipping requirements. Disposers at this level also perform routine operator maintenance on transfer pumps, and other hazardous waste equipment. disposers make initial identifications and assessments of routine hazardous wastes to determine their nature (e.g., flammability, toxicity), and containment characteristics (e.g., repercussions of long term storage). Under the technical direction of a supervisor or higher grade disposer, disposers at this level treat hazardous wastes, repack, consolidate, and/or blend wastes. disposers may be required to assist in the containment, treatment, and clean up operations resulting from hazardous spills. In some work situations, hazardous waste disposers may also be required to perform related duties such as taking periodic samples of potential contaminants within the facility, or participate in the removal and clean up of hazardous items such as PCBs from electrical transformers |
| | 5 Master common to complex work tasks. At grade 7 hazardous waste disposers perform a variety of specialized assignments including making determinations based on reference sources and other known information regarding the treatment, stabilization, neutralization, separation, and preparation of hazardous wastes for shipment and disposal. They blend, combine, and/or recontainerize hazardous waste and prepare processed and non-processed hazardous waste for storage and disposal. Grade 7 disposers add reagents to hazardous chemical wastes to separate heavy metals and other materials from the wastes. They combine hazardous wastes from chemical tanks, degreasers, and collection hoppers. They use equipment such as cold vaporization units and distillation equipment to process hazardous wastes such as acids, caustics, chromium, and cyanide substances. Grade 7 hazardous waste disposers perform initial identification of unknown substances (i.e., new or atypical substances for the facility) according to identification procedures. In some work situations grade 7 disposers may be required to support environmental and/or engineering personnel in the development of new or specialized processing procedures. They determine the nature (e.g., flammability, toxicity) and characteristics (e.g., repercussions of long term containment) of the hazardous wastes processed at this level. Grade 7 disposers correct incomplete or improper labels and ensure hazardous wastes are properly stored. They treat the full range of hazardous wastes and perform specialized and nonstandard processing and disposing procedures. They repack, consolidate, and/or blend hazardous wastes into proper containers for containment and shipment. |
| | 6 Maintain successful to above average performance ratings |

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