



DISTRICT ATTORNEY HAZARDOUS WASTE EXAMINER

Class Code: 73579

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
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SALARY RANGE

\$28.33 - \$45.76 Hourly
\$4,911.09 - \$7,932.44 Monthly
\$58,933.06 - \$95,189.33 Annually

CLASS CONCEPT:

Under general direction, performs non-sworn duties in the investigation of environmental criminal and civil violations for the District Attorney's Office involving unlawful treatment, transportation, storage and disposal of hazardous materials and wastes, underground storage tank violations, and streambed alterations, among other environmental crimes; assist in the review of cases involving violations of environmental safety regulations resulting in death, serious disability or serious hazardous exposure to employees and performs other related duties as required.

The District Attorney Hazardous Waste Examiner is an advanced journey level classification and reports to a sworn senior investigator, prosecutor or a managing attorney for case orientation and direction. Incumbents are responsible for exercising considerable judgment and independence in performing assignments of above average difficulty, which require comprehensive knowledge of assigned projects and environmental case laws and regulations, including county, state and federal laws and regulations that prohibit the illegal disposal of hazardous materials and wastes. Incumbents may direct lower level staff in technical and functional duties related to the investigation and prosecution of environmental crime cases in collaboration with a sworn senior investigator, prosecutor or a managing attorney.

The District Attorney Hazardous Waste Examiner is characterized by the responsibility to perform the full range of complex and specialized non-sworn duties with minimal technical supervision in the investigations of environmental crimes. This class is further distinguished from the District Attorney Investigator in that it does not affect arrests, control suspects, carry a handgun or have an assigned County vehicle.

REPRESENTATION UNIT: SEIU – Professional

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

(Depending on the area of assignment, duties may include, but are not limited to, the following)

- Assist sworn investigators with conducting complaint investigations of all types of hazardous wastes and hazardous materials facilities; collect and obtain evidence of illegal hazardous materials and waste disposal activities; package hazardous materials and hazardous wastes as evidence and samples for transportation, laboratory analysis and preservation.

- May accompany and assist law enforcement personnel in searches of crime scenes for evidence by gathering, analyzing and preserving evidence concerning environmental crimes and suspected complaints involving hazardous materials and wastes; may be called to work in collaboration with first responders in the determination of the environmental hazard, handle investigation and collection of evidence and conduct interviews.
- At the direction of a sworn investigator or prosecuting attorney conduct waste audits on waste loads from all types of waste generators (residential, commercial, and industrial) to determine if hazardous waste violations have occurred.
- Participate in and conduct environmental strike force meetings in participation with multi-agency regulators at the county, state and federal level to ensure the resources for complex environmental regulations are utilized to effectively investigate and prosecute environmental crimes.
- Participate in and conduct safety briefings, operational briefings and prepare for emergency response activities and call-outs related to environmental/hazardous materials investigations.
- Conduct inspections as part of an environmental crime investigation on waste disposal manifests for proper disposal in accordance with county, state and federal laws.
- Assist investigators with contacts and/or meet with responsible parties of illegally disposed waste and/or hazardous materials from residential, commercial, and industrial sources.
- Prepare comprehensive reports and documents for legal action for the District Attorney's Office relative to illegal disposal of hazardous materials and wastes; gather and categorize evidence to identify responsible parties; interview witnesses and solid waste and hazardous material handlers to obtain information and statements; obtain evidence photographs with the use of photographic equipment; testify in court as a participant witness or expert in matters related to assigned cases as needed.
- Utilize field equipment and screening devices to perform hazardous materials categorization evaluations on household, commercial, and industrial waste evidence collection in the field; conduct environmental surveys, field investigations, data collections, chemical testing, and sample collection using specialized equipment; operate and calibrate technical equipment for hazardous and radioactive material identification.
- Conduct routine inspections on field equipment, monitoring devices and safety supply inventories to ensure compliance with hazardous waste control laws and worker safety laws; restock safety supplies and personal protective equipment; maintain and perform minor repairs to field, emergency and safety equipment.

RECRUITING GUIDELINES:

OPTION I

Education: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's degree, preferably with a major in environmental health, hazardous waste management, chemistry, toxicology, water quality, occupational health, or a related field to the assignment. (A Master's degree from an accredited college or university in environmental health, hazardous waste management, chemistry, toxicology, water quality, occupational health, or a related field to the assignment may substitute for one year of the required experience.)

Experience: Three years of professional journey level experience with the County of Riverside performing duties that involved hazardous materials and waste management, hazardous waste inspections/investigations, environmental health investigations, or environmental engineering.

OPTION II

Education: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's degree, preferably with a major in environmental health, hazardous waste management, chemistry, toxicology, water quality, occupational health, or a related field to the assignment. (A Master's degree from an accredited college or university in environmental health, hazardous waste management, chemistry, toxicology, water quality, occupational health, or a related field to the assignment may substitute for one year of the required experience.)

Experience: Four years of professional journey level experience in hazardous waste management, hazardous waste inspections/investigations, environmental health investigations, environmental engineering, or a closely related field.

ALL OPTIONS

Knowledge of: The principles of hazardous materials management; county, state and federal laws and regulations governing hazardous waste and materials management; methods and techniques of investigating, interviewing, inspecting and gathering evidence of environmental hazardous materials and wastes; sampling techniques and related apparatus used to monitor and/or collect samples of substances for analyses; environmental research and statistical methods; the basic understanding of rules of evidence and courtroom procedures; advanced understanding of chemistry as it relates to compatibility; advanced understanding of toxicology as it relates to human and environmental exposures; principles of personal safety and protection.

Ability to: Perform hazardous waste investigations; plan, organize and conduct environmental research; understand and interpret county, state and federal hazardous materials and waste laws, rules and regulations; communicate sensitive and complex technical information both orally and in writing; analyze situations accurately and take effective action; prepare clear and concise reports; establish and maintain effective working relationship with allied agencies, various governmental agencies, and other staff members; establish and maintain cooperative relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

License/Certificate: Possession of a valid California Driver's License.

Upon hire or transfer, incumbents will be required to successfully complete and maintain in a current status, all necessary trainings, certifications and/or programs as outlined by the Department, including but not limited to:

- 40 Hour HAZWOPER Training (Cal OSHA)
- 40 Hour Health and Safety Training for Hazardous Waste Workers (Cal OSHA)
- First Aid Training (including CPR)
- PC 832 Arrest, Search and Seizure
- CA OSHA Medical Surveillance Program

Depending on assignment, additional trainings and conferences may be required.

Due to the nature of environmental/hazardous materials investigations, employee are expected to work flexible schedules including weekends and 24-hour on-call status. Overtime is often expected.

Physical Requirements: Independent body mobility to stand, move 55-gallon drums of materials with drum dolly; climb through refuse piles, walk on uneven ground or wet surfaces; upper body strength to

reach and move items from high shelves; ability to read standard text, labels, color change indication test papers, monitoring equipment display screens and computer screens; strength to lift and carry tools or personal protection and test equipment weighing up to 25 lbs.; physical capability to wear personal protective equipment including Level B, C and D suits with air purifying cartridge respirators and supplied air; ability to lift materials weighing up to 70 lbs.

Environmental Requirements: Will be required to work in an office and all types of field environments, be exposed to inclement weather conditions; work with hazardous materials/wastes including dust, odors and fumes from disposal operations and chemically contaminated sites; ability to tolerate very hot and cold temperatures; walk or stand for extended periods of time; walk over refuse and rough terrain; bend or stoop repeatedly or continually over time; view and inspect hospital waste loads containing infectious human material.

PRE-EMPLOYMENT:

All employment offers are contingent upon successful completion of both a pre-employment physical exam, including a drug/alcohol test, and a criminal background investigation, which involves fingerprinting. (A felony or misdemeanor conviction may disqualify the applicant from County employment.)

PROBATIONARY PERIOD:

As an Approved Local Merit System, all County of Riverside employees, except those serving "At Will," are subject to the probationary period provisions as specified in the applicable Memorandum of Understanding, County Resolution, or Salary Ordinance. Temporary and Per Diem employees serve at the pleasure of the agency/department head.