



**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION**

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**TITLE: HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SPECIALIST I - II**

**DEFINITION:** Under direction, performs increasingly difficult inspections of hazardous waste materials and sites.

**REPORTS TO:** Division Head

**DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:**

Grade Level I - Performs the duties of the classification.

Grade Level II - Performs the complex duties of the classification and acts as lead person.

**EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:**

- Investigates complaints of illegal disposal of hazardous waste;
- Determines degree of contamination;
- Provides on-call emergency response for hazardous materials incidents;
- Inspects hazardous waste operations;
- Determines adequacy of hazardous waste site assessment reports and approves clean-up plans;
- Prepares reports for prosecution of hazardous waste control law violations;
- Testifies in court;
- Directs clean-up of leaking underground storage tanks;
- May conduct routine inspections of all establishments which produce hazardous waste;
- May conduct plant surveys to determine compliance with the Industrial Hygiene Ordinance;
- May advise employees and employers in toxicology, ventilation, noise, lighting and non-ionizing radiation, accident prevention and other health aspects of the work environment;
- May investigate complaints of excessive noise and enforces noise control ordinance;
- May conduct criminal investigations, write and file reports with the City Prosecutor's Office;
- May file criminal cases with the City Prosecutor's or District Attorney's Office and assist in writing charges and filing in court;
- May act as lead person;
- Performs other related duties as required.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SPECIALIST I-II (continued)

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**

A Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university with a major coursework in a physical or biological science;

Two years of recent, full-time paid experience in a directly related field;

A valid California Certificate of Registration as an Environmental Health Specialist may be substituted for one year of the required experience; and

A valid motor vehicle operator's license.

**HISTORY:**

Established 11/25/89.

Approval/Adoption Dates: 01/03/90 - Human Resources Department  
01/10/90 - Civil Service Commission