Hampton Roads Public Works Academy

Waste Management

Outline

Updated 2015

Objective:

This session provides introductory information on the various careers available in the field of Waste Management. Specific instruction will be provided on: waste collection, waste disposal, recycling, safety and the careers associated with each function.

Course References:

Complete Handbook Solid Waste Collection & Transfer- By H. Lanier Hickman, Jr.

American Alchemy, The History of Solid Waste Management in the United States-By H. Lanier Hickman, Jr.

Manual of Recommended Safety Practices, Environmental Industry Associations

- I. Introduction of subject and instructor (5 Minutes)
- II. Waste Collection (30 Minutes)
 - A. Types of waste collected.
 - B. Types of collection containers
 - C. Types of collection vehicles
 - D. Laying out schedules and routes
 - E. Interaction with the public
 - F. Concerns and liabilities
 - G. Staffing requirements
 - H. Private versus public collection
- III. Waste Disposal (30 Minutes)
 - A. Transfer stations
 - B. Regional cooperatives
 - C. Types of landfills
 - D. Landfill permitting and design
 - E. Landfill operations
 - F. Environmental issues
 - G. Concerns and liabilities
 - H. Staffing requirements

IV. Recycling (30 Minutes)

- A. Types of recyclable materials and value.
- B. Different methods of collections
- C. Different recycling systems used regionally
- D. Different methods of processing materials
- E. Composting and mulching
- F. Power and steam generation
- G. Public versus private operation
- H. Environmental issues
- I. Concerns and liabilities
- J. Staffing requirements

V. Safety (30 Minutes)

- A. Top Ten Most Dangerous Job in America
- B. Safety in The Waste and Recycling Industry
- C. Overview of Industry Standards
- D. Overview of Transportation Safety Regulations
- E. Staffing requirements

VI. Review (20 Minutes)

- A. Comments, Questions and Answers
- B. Written Exam

Total Class Time 2 Hours 20 Minutes.

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Quiz

Circle the appropriate answer.

- 1. Who is the 2014 APWA Solid Waste Professional Manager of the Year?
 - A. Buck Owens
 - **B.** Little Wayne
 - C. Harvey Howard
- 2. What is the most efficient type of waste collection vehicle?
 - A. Boom Truck
 - B. Rear Loader
 - C. Automated Truck
- 3. What type of gas is generated from landfills?
 - A. Carbon Dioxide
 - B. Sodium
 - C. Methane
- 4. Which of the following is not a recycling collection method?
 - A. Automated
 - B. Manual
 - C. Littering
- 5. Which one below is the in the Top Ten most dangerous jobs in America?
 - A. Policeman
 - B. Firefighter
 - C. Garbage collector

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Quiz

Answer Key

- 1. C
- 2. C
- 3. C
- 4. C
- 5. C