

Sustainable Systems Analyst Interview Questions

1. Walk me through how you prepare technical and research reports such as environmental impact reports, and communicate the results to individuals in industry, government, or the general public.

2. What kind of experience do you have translating the theories of industrial ecology into eco-industrial practices?

3. How do you stay up to date literature to maintain knowledge on topics related to industrial ecology, such as physical science, technology, economy, and public policy?

4. Describe methods you have found useful to review industrial practices, such as the methods and materials used in construction or production, to identify potential liabilities and environmental hazards.

5. Share your approach when researching sources of pollution to determine environmental impact or to develop methods of pollution abatement or control.

6. Share an example when you recommended methods to protect the environment or minimize environmental damage from industrial production practices.

7. What is the most challenging part of performing analyses to determine how human behavior can affect and be affected by changes in the environment?

8. What have you found to be the best way to monitor the environmental impact of development activities, pollution, or land degradation?

9. Describe an experience when you investigated the adaptability of various animal and plant species to changed environmental conditions.

10. What kind of experience do you have forecasting future status or condition of ecosystems, based on changing industrial practices or environmental conditions?

11. Tell me how you create complex and dynamic mathematical models of population, community, or ecological systems.

12. Walk me through how you would conduct scientific protection, mitigation, or restoration projects to prevent resource damage, maintain the integrity of critical habitats, and minimize the impact of human

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activities.

13. Describe your system when conducting applied research on the effects of industrial processes on the protection, restoration, inventory, monitoring, or reintroduction of species to the natural environment.

14. Tell me about the last time when you built and maintained databases of information about energy alternatives, pollutants, natural environments, industrial processes, and other information related to ecological change.

15. Describe methods you have found effective to research environmental effects of land and water used to determine methods of improving environmental conditions or increasing outputs such as crop yield

16. Describe an experience when you provided industrial managers with technical materials on environmental issues, regulatory guidelines, or compliance actions.

17. How would you promote use of environmental management systems (EMS) to reduce waste or to improve environmentally sound use of natural resources? Share an example.

18. Walk me through how you would plan or conduct field research on topics such as industrial production, industrial ecology, population ecology, and environmental production or sustainability.

19. What is the most challenging part of identifying or comparing the component parts or relationships between the parts of industrial, social, and natural systems?

20. Share your approach to examine local, regional or global use and flow of materials or energy in industrial production processes.

21. Name a time when you evaluated the effectiveness of industrial ecology programs using statistical analysis and applications.

22. Describe ways you develop alternative energy investment scenarios to compare economic and environmental costs and benefits.

23. What have you found to be the best way to conduct analyses to determine the maximum amount of work that can be accomplished for a given amount of energy in a system, such as industrial production systems and

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waste treatment systems?

24. Describe an experience when you applied new or existing research about natural ecosystems to understand economic and industrial systems in the context of the environment.