

Hazardous Material Specialist Interview Questions

1. Name a time when your advice to management led to an improvement in your company or otherwise helped your employer.

2. Describe a time when you successfully serviced, repaired, or tested a machine or device that operates mainly by mechanical principles.

3. How do you stay current in order to comply with prescribed safety procedures or federal laws regulating waste disposal methods?

4. What is the most challenging part of identifying asbestos, lead, or other hazardous materials to be removed, using monitoring devices?

5. What kind of experience do you have operating machines or equipment to remove, package, store, or transport loads of waste materials?

6. Tell me about your qualifications for and your experience handling vehicles and/or mechanized equipment.

7. Tell me about a recent experience you've had working with your hands.

8. Tell me how you organize, plan, and prioritize your work.

9. What are some long-range objectives that you developed in your last job? What did you do to achieve them?

10. Give me an example of when you thought outside of the box. How did it help your employer?

11. Tell me about an experience in which you analyzed information and evaluated results to choose the best solution to a problem.

12. Provide an example of when you set expectations and monitored the performance of subordinates. What guidance and direction did you find most effective?

13. Name a time when you organized or tracked the locations of hazardous items in landfills.

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14. Describe methods you have found effective to pull tram cars along underwater tracks, and position cars to receive irradiated fuel elements; then pull loaded cars to mechanisms that automatically unload elements onto underwater tables.

15. In your experience, what is the key to developing a good team? (Look for how they build mutual trust, respect, and cooperation.)

16. Share an example of when you went above and beyond the "call of duty". (Look for answers that show the candidate is dependable.)

17. Name a time when you identified strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions to problems. What was the impact?

18. Share an experience in which your attention to detail and thoroughness had an impact on your last company.

19. Name a time when your patience was tested. How did you keep your emotions in check?

20. Share an experience in which your willingness to lead or offer an opinion helped your company.