



Teresa Watkins - 57

“Protecting my co-workers and the public from hazardous waste is an important job that preserves our lives and livelihoods. I also oversee our hazard communication program, which means I make sure we keep detailed records of the properties and risks of every substance on site, including glass cleaner. We are trained to respond safely and effectively if something goes wrong.

I also keep track of our Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), monitor for and contain leaks, and perform decontamination. People would be surprised how much hazardous waste is handled in their communities and the amount of time and effort we spend to keep everyone safe.”

Occupation:

Hazardous Materials
Technician

Salary:

\$58,110

Education:

High School Diploma
or Equivalent

Job Description:

Hazardous Materials Removal Workers identify, remove, pack, transport, or dispose of hazardous materials, including asbestos, lead-based paint, waste oil, fuel, transmission fluid, radioactive materials, or contaminated soil. Specialized training and certification in hazardous materials handling or a confined entry permit are generally required. May operate earth-moving equipment or trucks.*

*Source: This information is based on O*NET™ data. O*NET is a trademark registered to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.



Job Description:

SOC Code: 47-4041

Top Job Skills:

- Complex problem solving
- Time management
- Quality control analysis
- Troubleshooting
- Equipment Maintenance

General Work Activities:

- Mental Processes
 - Apply new technologies to improve work processes
- Information Input
 - Inspect work sites to identify potential environmental or safety hazards
- Work Output
 - Assemble temporary equipment or structures
 - Prepare hazardous waste for processing or disposal
 - Record operational or environmental data
 - Operate cranes, hoists, or other moving or lifting equipment
 - Drive trucks or truck-mounted equipment
 - Load or unload materials used in construction or extraction
 - Decontaminate equipment or sites to remove hazardous or toxic substances
 - Mix substances or compounds needed for work activities
 - Pour materials into or on designated areas

Source: SC Works Online Services (SCWOS)

LEARN MORE WITH SCWOS:

SC Works Online Services (SCWOS) is the state's largest job database and provides all of South Carolina's job postings from all major sites, including Monster and Career Builder, in one resource. SCWOS has thousands of positions listed by employers all over the state. To access SCWOS, visit jobs.scworks.org.

Find in-depth breakdowns of occupational statistics such as necessary job certifications, job skills and abilities, current job openings, overview of general work activities, and more by visiting [O*NET.org](https://www.o*net.org).

JOB STATISTICS:



Typical Wage Range

\$35,980 - \$48,360



Projected Growth

58/yr Job Openings



Employed In-State

890



Required Education

High School Diploma or Equivalent



Work Experience

Typically Requires None



On-the-Job Training

Moderate-Term On-the-job Training

*Source: Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EXAMPLES OF WORKFORCE AREAS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

Source: SC Works Online Services. Ask an SC Works representative for more information about postings in your area.

- Greenville
- Pee Dee
- Waccamaw
- Midlands
- Catawba
- Santee-Lynches

EXAMPLES OF EMPLOYERS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

Source: SC Works Online Services. Ask an SC Works representative for more information about postings in your area.

- Saiia
- Brandenburg Industrial Service Company
- Express Employment Professionals

RELATED OCCUPATIONS:

- Recycling and Reclamation Workers
- Recycling Coordinators
- Highway Maintenance Workers
- Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant and System Operators

NOTE: All data based on state averages. Information may vary depending on region, experience, and specific employment situation. Last Updated: 2025.