



OFFICIAL INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION EXAM

Dumpster Stormwater & Organics Compliance Program

Passing score: 80%

Total questions: 50

Question types: Multiple choice, Select-all-that-apply, True/False, Scenario

SECTION 1 — INSPECTOR ROLE & MINDSET (Q1–Q5)

Q1. What is the primary role of an inspector in this program?

- A. Enforce environmental regulations
- B. Identify violations and issue notices
- C. Document observed conditions accurately
- D. Determine fines and penalties

Correct: C

Q2. True or False: Inspectors determine whether a site is legally compliant.

Correct: False

Q3. Which phrase best reflects the inspector mindset?

- A. “I ensure compliance.”
- B. “I determine responsibility.”
- C. “I record what exists.”
- D. “I advise corrective actions.”

Correct: C

Q4. Which action most protects an inspector?

- A. Explaining regulations in detail

CONFIDENTIAL – TRADE SECRET INFORMATION

This document contains confidential, proprietary, and trade secret information of Secure ESG Holdings and its affiliated entities. Access is restricted to authorized personnel only. Unauthorized use, disclosure, duplication, or distribution is strictly prohibited and may result in legal liability.

- B. Using neutral language and photos
 - C. Warning owners about fines
 - D. Making recommendations onsite
- Correct: B**
-

- Q5.** Inspectors should prioritize:
- A. Speed over accuracy
 - B. Opinions over photos
 - C. Accuracy over speed
 - D. Verbal explanations
- Correct: C**
-

SECTION 2 — WHY DUMPSTERS MATTER (Q6–Q9)

- Q6.** Why are dumpster areas considered high-risk for stormwater pollution?
- A. They are rarely cleaned
 - B. They contain waste that can mix with rain
 - C. They are always near storm drains
 - D. They are regulated locations
- Correct: B**
-

- Q7.** What is leachate?
- A. Clean runoff from pavement
 - B. Treated wastewater
 - C. Polluted liquid formed when waste contacts rain
 - D. Groundwater infiltration
- Correct: C**
-

- Q8.** Stormwater systems typically:
- A. Treat water before discharge
 - B. Filter pollutants automatically
 - C. Discharge water untreated
 - D. Store water onsite
- Correct: C**
-

CONFIDENTIAL – TRADE SECRET INFORMATION

This document contains confidential, proprietary, and trade secret information of Secure ESG Holdings and its affiliated entities. Access is restricted to authorized personnel only. Unauthorized use, disclosure, duplication, or distribution is strictly prohibited and may result in legal liability.

Q9. True or False: Small dumpster areas can create large downstream impacts.

Correct: True

SECTION 3 — NON-ENFORCEMENT & LANGUAGE (Q10–Q14)

Q10. Which term should inspectors NEVER use?

- A. Observed
- B. Documented
- C. Violation
- D. Present

Correct: C

Q11. Select ALL acceptable inspector terms:

- observed
- documented
- present
- illegal
- non-compliant

Correct selections: observed, documented, present

Q12. If asked “Is this a violation?”, the correct response is:

- A. “Yes, according to regulations”
- B. “That depends on enforcement”
- C. “This inspection documents conditions only”
- D. “The city will decide later”

Correct: C

Q13. True or False: This program issues warnings or citations.

Correct: False

CONFIDENTIAL – TRADE SECRET INFORMATION

This document contains confidential, proprietary, and trade secret information of Secure ESG Holdings and its affiliated entities. Access is restricted to authorized personnel only. Unauthorized use, disclosure, duplication, or distribution is strictly prohibited and may result in legal liability.

Q14. Why is non-enforcement critical to inspector safety?

- A. It speeds inspections
- B. It avoids confrontation and liability
- C. It reduces paperwork
- D. It limits photo requirements

Correct: B

SECTION 4 — INSPECTION FLOW (Q15–Q18)

Q15. What is the FIRST required step of an inspection?

- A. Photograph dumpsters
- B. Capture GPS location
- C. Complete risk rating
- D. Identify storm drain

Correct: B

Q16. True or False: Inspection steps may be completed in any order.

Correct: False

Q17. Why does inspection order matter?

- A. For inspector convenience
- B. For faster uploads
- C. For defensibility and consistency
- D. For sales purposes

Correct: C

Q18. Skipping steps can result in:

- A. Higher risk scores
- B. Gaps in documentation
- C. Faster inspections
- D. Better clarity

Correct: B

CONFIDENTIAL – TRADE SECRET INFORMATION

This document contains confidential, proprietary, and trade secret information of Secure ESG Holdings and its affiliated entities. Access is restricted to authorized personnel only. Unauthorized use, disclosure, duplication, or distribution is strictly prohibited and may result in legal liability.

SECTION 5 — GPS, TIME & LOCATION (Q19–Q22)

Q19. Where should GPS be captured?

- A. From the street
- B. Anywhere onsite
- C. At the enclosure entrance
- D. At the property office

Correct: C

Q20. True or False: Inspectors may manually move GPS pins if accuracy is low.

Correct: False

Q21. Why is GPS critical?

- A. It improves photo quality
- B. It proves physical presence
- C. It speeds inspections
- D. It replaces photos

Correct: B

Q22. Date and time fields should be:

- A. Edited if incorrect
- B. Left blank if unsure
- C. Auto-captured and unchanged
- D. Entered manually

Correct: C

SECTION 6 — PHOTO DOCUMENTATION (Q23–Q29)

Q23. Photos must show:

- A. Only problems
- B. Context, condition, and scale
- C. Zoomed details only

CONFIDENTIAL – TRADE SECRET INFORMATION

This document contains confidential, proprietary, and trade secret information of Secure ESG Holdings and its affiliated entities. Access is restricted to authorized personnel only. Unauthorized use, disclosure, duplication, or distribution is strictly prohibited and may result in legal liability.

D. Cleaned areas

Correct: B

Q24. Select ALL required exterior photos:

Front

Back

Left

Right

One angle only

Correct selections: Front, Back, Left, Right

Q25. True or False: If an issue is marked “yes,” a photo is required.

Correct: True

Q26. Which action is NEVER allowed?

A. Standing back for context

B. Adjusting lighting naturally

C. Editing photos

D. Taking wide shots

Correct: C

Q27. Excessive zoom is discouraged because it:

A. Slows uploads

B. Removes context

C. Increases file size

D. Shows too much detail

Correct: B

Q28. If a dumpster is overflowing, the inspector should:

A. Clean it first

B. Photograph and document

C. Ignore it

CONFIDENTIAL – TRADE SECRET INFORMATION

This document contains confidential, proprietary, and trade secret information of Secure ESG Holdings and its affiliated entities. Access is restricted to authorized personnel only. Unauthorized use, disclosure, duplication, or distribution is strictly prohibited and may result in legal liability.



D. Report it verbally

Correct: B

Q29. True or False: Photos are stronger evidence than written opinions.

Correct: True

SECTION 7 — DUMPSTERS & WASTE STREAMS (Q30–Q34)

Q30. Inspectors document which of the following?

- A. Intent
- B. Compliance decisions
- C. Container condition
- D. Enforcement outcome

Correct: C

Q31. True or False: Inspectors determine SB 1383 violations.

Correct: False

Q32. Which phrase is acceptable?

- A. “Improper container”
- B. “Illegal dumping”
- C. “Lid open”
- D. “Non-compliant organics”

Correct: C

Q33. Overflow is defined as:

- A. Trash near dumpster
- B. Trash above rim or outside container
- C. Trash inside container
- D. Cardboard contamination

Correct: B

CONFIDENTIAL – TRADE SECRET INFORMATION

This document contains confidential, proprietary, and trade secret information of Secure ESG Holdings and its affiliated entities. Access is restricted to authorized personnel only. Unauthorized use, disclosure, duplication, or distribution is strictly prohibited and may result in legal liability.

Q34. Why is waste stream documentation important?

- A. For pricing
- B. For enforcement
- C. For organics support and adequacy
- D. For inspector judgment

Correct: C

SECTION 8 — STORMWATER & MS4 (Q35–Q39)

Q35. Inspectors look for:

- A. Permit numbers
- B. Enforcement thresholds
- C. Pathways and distance
- D. Regulatory citations

Correct: C

Q36. True or False: Inspectors confirm discharge occurred.

Correct: False

Q37. Why does distance to storm drain matter?

- A. It affects cost
- B. It affects exposure risk
- C. It determines violations
- D. It changes enforcement

Correct: B

Q38. Evidence of stormwater risk includes:

- A. Clean pavement
- B. Staining or residue
- C. Dry conditions only
- D. Trash inside container

Correct: B

CONFIDENTIAL – TRADE SECRET INFORMATION

This document contains confidential, proprietary, and trade secret information of Secure ESG Holdings and its affiliated entities. Access is restricted to authorized personnel only. Unauthorized use, disclosure, duplication, or distribution is strictly prohibited and may result in legal liability.

Q39. Inspector focus should be on:

- A. Conclusions
- B. Intent
- C. Documentation
- D. Enforcement

Correct: C

SECTION 9 — RISK RATINGS & CALCULATIONS (Q40–Q43)

Q40. Risk bands are generated by:

- A. Inspector opinion
- B. City staff
- C. System calculations
- D. Property owners

Correct: C

Q41. Inspector's subjective input is limited to:

- A. Enforcement decision
- B. Risk rating (1–10)
- C. Compliance outcome
- D. Penalty level

Correct: B

Q42. True or False: Inspectors should inflate risk to be safe.

Correct: False

Q43. Accurate inputs result in:

- A. Faster inspections
- B. Defensible outputs
- C. Higher scores

CONFIDENTIAL – TRADE SECRET INFORMATION

This document contains confidential, proprietary, and trade secret information of Secure ESG Holdings and its affiliated entities. Access is restricted to authorized personnel only. Unauthorized use, disclosure, duplication, or distribution is strictly prohibited and may result in legal liability.

D. More enforcement

Correct: B

SECTION 10 — SAFETY, SUBMISSION & CERTIFICATION (Q44–Q50)

Q44. If a situation feels unsafe, inspectors should:

- A. Continue quickly
- B. Confront the issue
- C. Leave the site
- D. Call enforcement

Correct: C

Q45. True or False: Inspectors may enter locked areas if necessary.

Correct: False

Q46. Before submission, inspectors must ensure:

- A. Fast completion
- B. All “yes” answers have photos
- C. Owner approval
- D. Sales notes

Correct: B

Q47. Inspector signature certifies:

- A. Legal compliance
- B. Enforcement authority
- C. Presence and accuracy
- D. Owner responsibility

Correct: C

Q48. Certification requires inspectors to:

- A. Interpret regulations

CONFIDENTIAL – TRADE SECRET INFORMATION

This document contains confidential, proprietary, and trade secret information of Secure ESG Holdings and its affiliated entities. Access is restricted to authorized personnel only. Unauthorized use, disclosure, duplication, or distribution is strictly prohibited and may result in legal liability.



- B. Follow workflow and neutrality
- C. Advise owners
- D. Enforce standards

Correct: B

Q49. If unsure about a field, inspectors should:

- A. Guess
- B. Skip it
- C. Ask for guidance
- D. Mark “no”

Correct: C

Q50. True or False: Certification protects inspectors as well as the program.

Correct: True

CONFIDENTIAL – TRADE SECRET INFORMATION

This document contains confidential, proprietary, and trade secret information of Secure ESG Holdings and its affiliated entities. Access is restricted to authorized personnel only. Unauthorized use, disclosure, duplication, or distribution is strictly prohibited and may result in legal liability.