



WILL AI REPLACE ME?

Waste Treatment Engineer

Environment and Sustainable Development

The Waste Treatment Engineer holds an indispensable role in designing, and optimizing waste treatment processes, and in bringing innovation into them.

Although AI can offer decision support tools to optimize specific aspects of waste treatment, the extensive expertise needed to design processes, adhere to environmental standards, and collaborate on innovation in this field makes this profession less automatable.

Moreover, the requirement to engage with diverse stakeholders and integrate a complex array of environmental and regulatory factors underscores the importance of profound human expertise.

Automation degree: 22,75%

Moderate but identified impact of AI on this Job



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Main tasks

This section reviews the 3 main tasks associated with the job studied and assesses the potential level of automation induced by AI (« **AI Automation Impact** »). The modeling uses 8 criteria detailed on the « **Methodology** » page.

Tasks	AI Automation Impact
Design and optimize waste treatment and valorization processes.	Moderate
Ensure compliance with environmental standards.	Low
Collaborate with other experts to develop new treatment methods.	Low

Impact on skills

At-risk Skills ↓

Routine System Checks	Automation and AI are likely to take over many aspects of routine checks, reducing the need for human interventions.
Diagnosis of Malfunctions or Non-compliance	Advanced AI systems could be trained to automatically identify and diagnose malfunctions or non-compliance, reducing the need for human analysis.

Future-proof Skills ↑

Innovation and Collaboration	Innovation and collaboration require unique human skills in communication, empathy, and creativity, areas where machines cannot easily surpass humans.
Promotion and Awareness	Promotion and awareness require empathetic communication and persuasive abilities, which remain distinctly human skills.

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