Who we are:
The Department of Environment and Conservation exists to enhance the quality of life for citizens of Tennessee and to be stewards of our natural environment.

We foster a work environment that's inclusive as well as diverse, where our people can be themselves. Every idea and perspective is valued so that our culture reflects the people we serve.

Our Department is committed to providing a cleaner, safer environment that goes hand-in-hand with economic prosperity and increased quality of life in Tennessee. We deliver on our mission through managing regulatory programs that maintain standards for air, water and soil quality while providing assistance to businesses and communities in areas ranging from recreation to waste management. We manage the state park system and programs to inventory, interpret and protect Tennessee's rich natural, historical, and archaeological

About the Division of Water Resources (DWR):
The Division Water Resources is responsible for managing, protecting, and enhancing the quality of the state's water resources for all Tennesseans through voluntary, regulatory and educational programs. Division activities include establishment of water quality criteria; issuance of permits and certifications; evaluation of monitoring data; conducting inspections; management of financial assistance for infrastructure and oversight activities related to stream channel modification, wetland alterations, dredging, groundwater protection, wellhead protection, safe dams, septic systems, pretreatment, bio solids application, and storm water.

TDEC Environmental Fellow Drinking Water
Division of Water Resources
Annual Salary Range: $76,692 – $138,060

Looking for an opportunity to work with a collaborative team in the Tennessee State government? Interested in protecting our environment, public health, and water quality? The Division of Water Resources has a position assigned to our Central Office, (Davidson County) TN and has the option to be housed in another office in Tennessee. This position is responsible for planning and implementation for new drinking water initiatives and serves as the Safe Drinking Water Act technical expert coordinating with EPA, local utilities, and organizations such as TAUD, AWWA, TWWAA, RCAP, and the USACE.

The position requires excellent communication, strategic planning, and project management skills. The preferred candidate will have extensive knowledge with state and federal drinking water statues and regulations, technical knowledge of water treatment and operations, and drinking water sampling and laboratory. To apply for this position, use the following link: http://www.tn.gov/careers.

Highlighted Responsibilities:
• Serve as a drinking water technical expert and advisor to the Division, other state agencies, and the regulated community.
• Coordinate the development and implementation of statewide workplans including the Capacity Development Plan, Area Wide Optimization Program plan, and the TN Drinking Water Emergency Response Plan.
• Lead various workgroups to identify, design and implement strategies and tactics for effectively addressing drinking water emerging issues or contaminants such as PFAS, PFOAs and harmful algal blooms.
• Participate in the development of internal and external training for consistency and compliance such as the sanitary survey audit program and TN AWOP (area-wide optimization program).
• Represent TDEC's Drinking Water Program to EPA Region 4, the Association of Safe Drinking Water Administrators, and technical assistance providers.
• Lead state rulemaking efforts including evaluation, creation, adoption, and implementation of state and federal rules including the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions and Safe Drinking Water Act rules
• Provide project management of federal grants and subrecipient awards including the WIIN grant for lead testing in schools and daycare facilities, involving work plan development and coordination with other state and federal agencies.

Pursuant to the State of Tennessee's Workplace Discrimination and Harassment policy, the State is firmly committed to the principle of fair and equal employment opportunities for its citizens and strives to protect the rights and opportunities of all people to seek, obtain, and hold employment without being subjected to illegal discrimination and harassment in the workplace. It is the State's policy to provide an environment free of discrimination and harassment of an individual because of that person's race, color, national origin, age (40 and over), sex, pregnancy, religion, creed, disability, veteran's status or any other category protected by state and/or federal civil rights laws.