



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.

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 heritage.

About the Office of External Affairs:

The Office of External Affairs serves as the primary point of contact for external stakeholders for environmental concerns across the state, through their eight (8) regions. Regional Directors actively work with local and state officials, business and industry, the general public, community development representatives, and environmental groups. The External Affairs team also serves as key representatives for coordinating and facilitating public meetings,

TDEC Regional Director of External Affairs Office of External Affairs (OEA) Chattanooga, TN Annual Salary Range: \$69,588 – \$125,232

If you are interested in an exciting opportunity to collaborate with all divisions of Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) and promote environmental stewardship in Southeast Tennessee, this opportunity could be an outstanding career move for you. The Regional Director of the Office of External Affairs (OEA) is leadership position which serves as a public outreach arm of the Commissioner's Office and as a primary TDEC point of contact for the general public, business, state and local government officials and other external stakeholders. The position works with Bledsoe, Bradley, Grundy, Hamilton, Marion, Meigs, McMinn, Polk, Rhea, and Sequatchie counties and is based at our Chattanooga Environmental Field Office. Currently, TDEC employees are working in alternative workspaces from their home with the flexibility to have scheduled time in their office.

The preferred candidate will be able to easily navigate and develop relationships with all levels of management, citizens, and stakeholders both internally and externally. Preferred candidates will have a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science, Communications, Journalism, Public Affairs, or related fields we are seeking a candidate who has successful experience working with the general public, state and local officials as well as community organizations. Visit www.tn.gov/careers to apply for this position.

General Responsibilities:

- Coordinate or facilitate TDEC hearings, meetings, and outreach activities for TDEC's Bureau of Environment in the region. This includes regulatory hearings, information sessions with local officials, chambers, rotaries, etc. to communicate opportunities to participate in a variety of TDEC programs.
- Work with county and city officials and local organizations in the assigned counties where TDEC has state parks. Foster these relationships by park updates, opportunities to attend park events, and engagement in general park support.
- Provide weekly reports to the Director of External Affairs and highlight potential assigned county issues developing that could impact TDEC and should be conveyed to the Commissioner's Office.
- Work closely with the communication and legislative offices to ensure consistent communications to all external stakeholders.
- Perform media interviews in the assigned region as requested by TDEC's Communications Office.

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.