

## 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 are 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 heritage.

## About the Division Remediation:

The Division of Remediation (DoR) identifies and investigates hazardous substance sites, then uses practical and effective remedies to correct issues found which minimizes threats to public health, safety, and the environment. DoR oversees work at National Priority List (NPL) Superfund sites, state inactive hazardous substance sites, brownfields, dry cleaners, and properties where methamphetamine was illegally manufactured. DoR operates the Voluntary Cleanup, Oversight and Assistance Program (VOAP) and supports the redevelopment and revitalization of brownfields to protect the environment, reuse existing infrastructure, minimize urban sprawl and create economic opportunities. The DoR Oak Ridge office focuses on the US Department of Energy (DOE) Oak Ridge Reservation (ORR). DoR concentrates on joint remedial decisions made with the DOE and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).



## Spring Internship Division of Remediation Oak Ridge, TN

### Overview

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) is excited to offer an outstanding opportunity for college students to complete a spring semester internship with our Division of Remediation in the Oak Ridge Office. Students can expect to gain an understanding of how our agency works to regulate and provide oversight to clean-up efforts in Oak Ridge, TN, to protect human health and the environment. Internship candidates must be currently enrolled in a college or university focusing on a degree in Environmental Science, Environmental or Civil Engineering, Biology, Ecology, Geology, or Chemistry; other related fields will also be considered. Candidates must receive college credit for the internship experience. Preference is for junior and senior undergraduate or Master's graduate students.

Students will learn about various aspects of State and federal environmental remediation regulations and monitor various environmental media, including biological, water, and chemical monitoring. The internship will include a combination of fieldwork and/or office work, which may include literature and document review, laboratory sample processing, or data management and review. Fieldwork includes walking on uneven surfaces, sometimes muddy or steep terrain, in various climatic conditions, including wet, dry, hot, or cold weather, and sometimes in flowing water of varying depths or velocities. Fieldwork may result in encounters with environmental hazards (poison ivy, heat, biting insects, or snakes).

### Highlighted Responsibilities:

- Work directly with our technical team and Subject Matter Experts in the environmental regulatory career field.
- Collect environmental samples (e.g., in-stream water quality samples, terrestrial and aquatic biological samples, public surveys).
- Literature and document review to research and compile information related to clean-up efforts on the Oak Ridge Reservation.
- Lab sample processing, data entry and data reviews, equipment calibrations.
- Accompany technical staff to regulatory meetings, when possible.

To be considered for this unpaid internship, anticipated to run March to May 2024, students need to submit their resume, cover letter, and information outlining college credit requirements by 1/31/2024 to [Deanna.Jones@tn.gov](mailto:Deanna.Jones@tn.gov). Additional information regarding TDEC's internship requirements is highlighted on TDEC's website: <https://www.tn.gov/environment/about-tdec/employment-and-internships.html>

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