

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 Division of Mineral and Geologic Resources (DMGR):

DMGR, through TDEC, is responsible for ensuring the environmentally sound management, protection and documentation of the state's mineral, land and energy resources for all Tennesseans and future generations. The division is responsible for the permitting, inspection, compliance and enforcement of mineral extraction activities for both fuel and non-fuel minerals; the reclamation of abandoned coal mines left unreclaimed prior to the enactment of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) and where there is no responsible party; and the Tennessee Geological Survey (TGS), which conducts geologic hazards research, public service and education programs, and basic and applied research on geology and mineral resources.



TDEC Environmental Scientist 1 Division of Mineral and Geologic Resources Knoxville Environmental Field Office Annual Salary Range: \$48,684 - \$60,936

Looking for an opportunity to work with a collaborative team at the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)? The Division of Mineral and Geologic Resources (DMGR) Land Reclamation Section is seeking someone to join a collaborative team in assisting with the restoration of Tennessee's abandoned mine lands. This position is based out of the Knoxville Environmental Field Office and will offer a healthy mix of office time and year-round fieldwork.

Candidates must possess a bachelor's or higher from an accredited college/university in environmental science, ecology, sustainability or applied science in sustainability, environmental health, pre-medicine, engineering or other acceptable science or natural resource related field and an understanding of Geologic Information Systems (GIS) software. Candidates must meet the minimum qualifications (MQs) for this position. For MQs and how to apply please visit: <http://www.tn.gov/careers>.

Highlighted Responsibilities:

- Research and investigate abandoned mines and assist with developing high-priority sites into reclamation projects.
- Oversee and monitor reclamation projects to ensure engineering and environmental standards are met and project construction is completed in compliance with contract specifications and timelines. Verify project quantities, volumes, and acreages.
- Create technical reports and photographic documentation for site investigations and project inspections.
- Utilize GIS to support all facets of program activities.
- Cultivate professional relationships with landowners, contractors as well as government and non-government stakeholders.

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.