

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 heritage.

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 Scientist 2 Division of Water Resources Chattanooga Environmental Field Office Annual Salary Range:

Looking for an opportunity to work with a collaborative team in Tennessee State government? Interested in protecting our environment, public health, and water quality? The Division of Water Resources has a position in our Chattanooga Environmental Field Office (EFO) region that will work in a diverse team environment with other EFO staff as well as directly with our regulated community in a multi county area. This Environmental Scientist is responsible for conducting inspections of Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems (septic tanks) and issuance of Subsurface Sewage Disposal System Permits.

If you enjoy working with people, this opportunity involves frequent contact with landowners and contractors. The position requires fieldwork on a daily basis in primarily rural and suburban areas, in all weather conditions. Preference may be given to candidates with education or experience in the area of soil science or soil evaluations. To apply for this position: <http://www.tn.gov/careers>.

Highlighted Responsibilities:

- Acquire and maintain a working knowledge of rules governing Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems.
- Create and maintain digital permit files, records, and reports.
- Review all Subsurface Sewage Disposal System Permit Applications.
- Accurately complete all construction and installation inspection reports for Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems and all environmental investigative reports within the designated time frames.
- Perform site visits and inspections as part of the permit process.
- Investigate complaints as directed by leadership.
- May be required to assist additional Division wide programs as requested by management to support the mission of the Agency and Division

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.