

## 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 by 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 of 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 the 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 3 Division of Water Resources Johnson City Environmental Field Office Annual Salary Range: \$53,400 – \$79,896**

Looking for an opportunity to work with a collaborative diverse 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 Johnson City Environmental Field Office (EFO) 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.

The position requires excellent communication, time management, and organizational skills in a variety of settings working with a broad/diverse customer base. The position will be primarily responsible for Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems, Construction of General and Aquatic Resource Alteration Permits, Inspections, and Complaints. Preference may be given to candidates with education and/or experience in the biological sciences-related disciplines or experience with taxonomic identification of aquatic macroinvertebrates and Section 401/404 permitting. Preferred bachelor's degrees include biology, environmental science, physical sciences, or other related environmental science fields. Candidates must meet the minimum qualifications (MQs) for this position. For MQs and how to apply please visit <http://www.tn.gov/careers>

### **General Responsibilities:**

- Acquire and maintain a working knowledge of rules governing subsurface sewage disposal systems.
- Conduct daily technical work, including inspections, complaint investigations, application reviews, permit reviews, and report reviews for accuracy and completeness.
- Complete all construction and installation inspection reports for subsurface sewage disposal systems and all environmental investigative reports within designated time frames.
- Collection of water samples and aquatic macroinvertebrates in accordance with TN QSSOP.
- Assisting with Division programs, as requested by management, to support the mission of the Agency and Division.
- Acquire and maintain a working knowledge of rules governing the construction general permits and aquatic resource alteration permits as well as the MS4 permits.

*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.*