

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 Protection Specialist 1 Division of Water Resources Compliance and Enforcement Unit Annual Salary Range: \$47,496 - \$59,496

Are you seeking a wonderful opportunity to work with a collaborative team in Tennessee State government? Are you concerned with protecting our environment and public health? This position works with management and staff to regulate and monitor the National Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) pretreatment program, which oversees municipal systems across the state to evaluate their monitoring program of industries and ensure they meet state and federal regulations. Knowledge of EPA and State of Tennessee regulations impacting pretreatment is critical. The opportunity is at our Central Office in Nashville, TN.

This position serves as an entry-level engineer and inspector in pretreatment compliance. Job responsibilities include providing technical assistance to our customer base and other regulators across the state, conducting technical data reviews, and conducting oversight audits and inspections on municipalities. Preferred candidates will have a degree in chemical or civil engineering and excellent presentation and writing skills. Travel across the state conducting inspections and audits is required to meet the objectives of the Division. 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:

- Serve as an inspector for the NPDES pretreatment program.
- Provide technical assistance for complex compliance issues in support of consistent, technically defensible program decisions.
- Manage large amounts of compliance data to ensure that data is accurate and complete according to established timeframes.
- Ensure incoming compliance data is maintained and transferred into a variety of databases, such as Oracle-based systems and the federal database.
- Coordinate with field offices to ensure inspections are scheduled according to workplan and answer related questions.
- Assist other staff to prepare quarterly federal submission reports and inspection letters.
- Serve on various workgroups as needed to represent the Division in compliance matters.
- Prepare and present presentations and training on compliance related topics in conferences, and other public forums.
- Respond to stakeholder requests in a timely, customer focused manner.

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.