

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 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 Knoxville Environmental Field Office Annual Salary Range: \$44,520 – \$71,256

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 Knoxville, TN Environmental Field Office (EFO) that will work in a diverse team environment with other EFO staff as well as directly with our regulated community. The position is responsible for the collection and compliance review of operational data from a variety of water related treatment activities and provide technical assistance to operators regarding compliance with federal and state rules in support of the Safe Drinking Water Act and National Pollution Discharge Elimination System. TDEC employees are currently working in alternative workspaces from their home with some scheduled time in their assigned office.

We are seeking someone with excellent communication skills applied in a variety of settings working with a broad and diverse customer base. Preferred candidates will possess a working knowledge of drinking water and wastewater treatment technology and have an understanding of water laboratory testing. The position requires strong organizational skills, the ability to set priorities, meet critical deadlines, and follow through on assignments with minimal direction. Candidates must be able to travel a 16 county area with a periodic overnight stay. To apply for this position: <https://www.tn.gov/careers>.

General Responsibilities:

- Perform Sanitary Surveys of public drinking water facilities and compliance inspections of wastewater treatment facilities in a 16 county area.
- Develop enforcement action requests and evaluate/recommend corrective action requirements
- Respond to complaints by investigating the complaint, identifying root causes and developing/executing plans for resolution.
- Maintain computerized databases for assigned facilities including local tracking logs and program specific computer programs.
- Provide technical assistance to ensure compliance for public water systems and NPDES permitted facilities

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.