

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 Engineering Unit Annual Salary Range: \$47,496 - \$71,400

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 Engineering Service Unit at our Central Office in Nashville, TN, where they will work in a diverse team environment with other staff and directly with our regulated community. Primary responsibilities include reviewing and approving wastewater and drinking water treatment, distribution, and collection system projects. Currently, TDEC employees are working in alternative workspaces from their homes with some scheduled time in their assigned offices.

The position requires excellent communication skills and the ability to work with a broad/diverse customer base in various settings. The preferred candidate will have a bachelor's degree in civil, chemical, environmental, or mechanical engineering and the capability of obtaining a professional engineering license. This position requires some fieldwork at construction sites and working facilities. Preference may be given to those with experience in water and wastewater treatment and achievement of Engineering-in-Training status. 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:

- Acquire and maintain working knowledge of state and federal regulatory rules and guidance governing drinking water and wastewater.
- Conduct daily technical work including review and approval of wastewater and drinking water plans.
- Assist the Compliance and Enforcement Unit with review of corrective action plans and other engineering documents.
- Write clearly and concisely in a variety of communication setting including letters, and guidance documents.
- Assist with 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.