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 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 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.

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TDEC Environmental Scientist 2
Division of Water Resources
Compliance and Enforcement Unit
Nashville Central Office
Annual Salary Range: $48,684 – $60,936

Looking for an opportunity to work with a collaborative team at the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)? The Division of Water Resources' (DWR) Compliance and Enforcement Unit is seeking a candidate to join their team in the Nashville Central Office. This position will work primarily with compliance and data management for facilities with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit coverage under the Clean Water Act. Currently, TDEC employees are working in alternative workspaces with some time in their assigned offices.

We are seeking a candidate with well-developed customer service skills, who can clearly communicate complex information via various mediums to a diverse range of internal and external stakeholders. Additionally, the ideal candidate will demonstrate effective time management and strong writing skills and possess a working knowledge of regulatory processes related to the NPDES program. The preferred candidate will demonstrate advanced computer proficiency in data management and database administration; experience with relational database systems, such as Oracle; expertise with Excel and reporting software; and familiarity with analyzing large datasets.

Candidates must possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited college/university in environmental science, physical science, life science, engineering or other related environmental science field and on year of full-time professional environmental program, natural resource conservation work, or professional work that involved ensuring compliance with standards and/or regulations. Preference may be given to those with education or experience in chemistry and/or biology.

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:

- Provide technical support for electronic reporting systems, including registration, data entry guidance, and troubleshooting assistance.
- Review discharge monitoring data to assess compliance with permit limits and reporting schedule requirements.
- Coordinate with state and federal regulatory compliance contacts to provide compliance assistance to permittees and ensure consistent and well-supported program decisions.
- Ensure data submitted to federal databases is accurate, complete, and in compliance with reporting requirements and timeframes established by the NPDES Electronic Reporting Rule.

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.