

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 1 Division of Water Resources Cookeville Environmental Field Office Annual Salary Range: \$47,496 – \$59,496

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 Cookeville Environmental Field Office (EFO) that will work in a diverse team environment with other EFO staff and directly with the regulated community.

The position requires excellent communication, time management, and organizational skills working with a broad/diverse customer base in various settings. Primary responsibilities include knowledge of the Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Safe Dams Act, and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permitting and inspection of drinking water wells and environmental complaint investigations. The preferred candidate will hold a Bachelor's or Master of Science in Geology and know about the Safe Drinking Water and Clean Water Acts. 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 a working knowledge of state and federal rules governing the Safe Drinking Water Act, Clean Water Act, and Safe Dams Act.
- Complete environmental site assessments and inspections of NPDES Permits and Permitted Facilities.
- Accurately complete all construction and installation inspection reports for Drinking Water Wells.
- Review construction permit applications for completeness and issue coverage under applicable permits. Maintain permit files, records, and reports.
- Assist in complaint investigations related to potential illegal discharges, water quality violations, water wells, and/or fish kills promptly.
- Communicate effectively with internal and external customers.

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.