

## 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 Solid Waste Management:

The Division of Solid Waste Management is responsible for protecting the health and environmental quality for all Tennesseans through responsive and effective oversight of waste management activities. The activities are land-based, regulating both solid waste and hazardous waste through specialized programs and functions. These include landfill permits, hazardous waste permits, state remediation program, used oil management, lead-based paint abatement, special waste, universal waste, and annual waste reporting. We also provide technical and financial assistance in the recovery and management of materials for reuse and recycling supporting end users and manufacturers.



## **TDEC Environmental Scientist 2 Division of Solid Waste Management Nashville Environmental Field Office Annual Salary Range: \$47,496 - \$71,400**

Are you looking for an opportunity to work with a collaborative, diverse team in Tennessee State government? Interested in protecting our environment and public health? This may be the perfect opportunity for you! This Preferred Service position is in the Division's Nashville Environmental Field Office in Davidson County, TN, and has some flexibility for working from home on scheduled days.

This position conducts regulatory inspections of hazardous waste facilities and inspections of solid waste permitted facilities, including landfills, transfer stations, and convenience centers. It is responsible for conducting investigations of citizen complaints concerning solid and hazardous waste issues. The preferred candidate must be competent in utilizing databases and spreadsheets, have some knowledge of the Tennessee Solid and Hazardous Waste regulations, and have experience participating in regulatory inspections for compliance. Minimum qualifications (MQs) include a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental science, biology, chemistry, geology, engineering, physics, ecology, sustainability, applied science in sustainability, or other acceptable science or natural resource-related field and at least one year of full-time professional environmental program, natural resource conservation work. This position requires the ability to travel daily with some overnight travel. Candidates must meet the MQs for this position. For MQs and how to apply, please visit: <https://www.tn.gov/careers>.

### **Highlighted Responsibilities:**

- Perform environmental investigations, remediation, and/or monitoring work of solid and hazardous waste facilities, including sampling and evaluation of pollutants to determine compliance with environmental or other standards.
- Perform inspections and/or investigations to determine compliance with laws, regulations, or standards.
- Determine validity and severity of violation(s) and if an enforcement action is warranted.
- Complete inspection reports of the facilities and enter the information into departmental/divisional databases.
- Provide clear and accurate information regarding regulatory evaluations to be submitted for Enforcement Action Requests.
- Participate in Show Cause Meetings and public hearings.

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