

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 Solid Waste Management (DSWM):

The Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) is responsible for protecting the health and environmental quality for all Tennesseans through responsive and effective oversight of waste management activities. DSWM 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. DSWM also provides technical and financial assistance in the recovery and management of materials for reuse and recycling supporting end users and manufacturers.



TDEC Environmental Scientist 2 Columbia Environmental Field Office Division of Solid Waste Management Annual Salary Range: \$44,520 - \$71,256

Are you seeking an opportunity to work with a collaborative team in Tennessee State government? Are you concerned with protecting our environment and public health? The Division of Solid Waste Management is seeking an Environmental Scientist who will work in our Solid Waste Program at our Columbia Environmental Field Office in Columbia, TN. This position provides ground water permit and compliance reviews as well as ground water sampling inspections, and acts as the lead for ground water reviews and assistance for all solid waste facilities within a 13-county area of south-central Tennessee. Currently, TDEC employees are working in alternative workspaces from their home with the flexibility to have scheduled time at the field office.

The preferred candidate will have a degree in geology or related field with requisite knowledge and experience in geology, as well as experience with Tennessee solid waste regulations and policy. Excellent technical writing skills and the ability to review technical reports and inspection documents is important. Candidates must be comfortable utilizing various databases that capture report information and communicating report information clearly and succinctly to a variety of customers. To apply for this position visit: <http://www.tn.gov/careers>.

Highlighted Responsibilities:

- Review ground water monitoring reports and determine permit compliance.
- Evaluate hydrogeologic reports and ground water monitoring plans for new solid waste permits and determine compliance with regulations.
- Inspect permitted solid waste facilities to ensure compliance with state regulations and issued permits .
- Conduct investigations of solid waste complaints.
- Provide clear and accurate regulatory technical assistance.
- Determine validity and severity of violation(s) and whether an enforcement action is warranted. Provide clear and accurate information regarding regulatory evaluations and Enforcement Action Requests.
- Attend Show Cause meetings, public hearings, and participate in compliance meetings.

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.