

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 Scientist 1 Division of Water Resources Columbia 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 Columbia Environmental Field Office (EFO) working with our great team as well as with other EFO staff and directly with the regulated community. An employee may perform a full range of environmental compliance activities with a focus on customer service and maintaining relationships with the regulated community.

We are seeking a candidate who practices excellent customer service and who can effectively communicate with a diverse internal and external customer base. Preferred candidates will possess strong time management and organizational skills. The position requires fieldwork conducting compliance inspections primarily at public water systems, providing technical assistance to water plant personnel, and addressing drinking water quality concerns of the community. Preferred bachelor's degrees include biology, chemistry, physical sciences, engineering, or other related environmental science fields. 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 Include:

- Acquire and maintain a working knowledge of the TN Safe Drinking Water Act and TN Water Well Act.
- Conduct sanitary survey inspections at public water systems in accordance with the rules governing public water systems.
- Provide technical assistance and address compliance issues within the regulated community. Review compliance data reports.
- Conduct compliance inspections of drilled wells, including water wells, geothermal wells, and active drilling sites, and provide technical assistance to drillers and the regulated community.
- Investigate environmental complaints.

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.