

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 3 Division of Water Resources Chattanooga Environmental Field Office Annual Salary Range: \$53,400 - \$79,896

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 Chattanooga 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 will include National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit inspections of wastewater treatment facilities and other facilities and environmental complaint investigations. The preferred candidate will have experience with the Clean Water Act, Tennessee Water Quality Control Act, and wastewater treatment. Preference may be given to candidates with an Environmental Science degree and professional environmental experience. Preferred bachelor's degrees include engineering, environmental science, biology, physical sciences, 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:

- Acquire and maintain a working knowledge of state and federal rules governing Clean Water Act and Tennessee Water Quality Control Act.
- Complete inspections of permitted facilities, including NPDES wastewater treatment facilities and State Operating Permits.
- Produce technically correct letters and reports in a timely manner.
- Conduct review of monitoring reports and other data submitted to the Division.
- Conduct complaint investigations related to potential unpermitted discharges of wastewater and other pollutants, and other water quality violations.
- 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.