

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 Mineral & Geologic Resources (DMGR):

DMGR is responsible for ensuring the environmentally sound management, protection and documentation of the state's mineral, land and energy resources for all Tennesseans and future generations. The Division handles the permitting, inspection, compliance and enforcement of mineral extraction activities for both fuel and non-fuel minerals, the reclamation of abandoned coal mines left unreclaimed prior to the enactment of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) and where there is no responsible party, and also houses the Tennessee Geological Survey (TGS) which conducts geologic hazards research, public service and education programs, and basic and applied research on geology and mineral resources.



TDEC-Environmental Scientist 2 Division of Mineral and Geologic Resources Regional Positions Located in West, Middle, and Southeast Tennessee Annual Starting Salary: \$47,496

Looking for an opportunity to work with a collaborative team in Tennessee State government? The Division of Mineral & Geologic Resources is hiring three positions in a diverse team environment to conduct NPDES/Surface Mining inspections for mining facilities, including mines, quarries, and processing areas, and perform related regulatory water-quality work. In addition to routine inspections, the positions will conduct complaint investigations to ensure compliance with all applicable state and federal regulations and state water quality standards/permit conditions, conduct hydrologic determinations, and write and review NPDES, Surface Mining, and ARAP permits.

Regional positions are assigned to a multi-county area and will work primarily from home with a "touch-down" space provided at a TDEC Environmental Field Office located in Jackson, Nashville, Columbia, Knoxville, Cookeville, or Chattanooga. The anticipated work schedule will consist of performing inspections at a minimum of two to three days per week. Inspections may require hiking in uneven terrain and the ability to utilize the 4-wheel drive capacity of an assigned state vehicle and ATVs.

Preferred candidates will have graduated from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree in environmental science or related degree and one year of full-time professional regulatory, environmental program, natural resource conservation work, or full-time professional work that ensures compliance with environmental standards and rules and regulations. Candidates must meet the minimum qualifications (MQs) for this position. For MQs and to apply, please visit: <http://www.tn.gov/careers>.

Highlighted Responsibilities:

- Conduct inspections within assigned region of mining facilities and prepare inspection reports.
- Investigate all assigned complaints. Respond to all violations with Notices of Violation or appropriate enforcement.
- Conduct hydrologic determinations of water features.
- Conduct outreach events including educational programs and public hearings.
- Review applications for and write draft and final NPDES, Surface Mine, and ARAP permits as assigned.

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.