

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 Knoxville Environmental Field Office Annual Salary Range: \$48,204 – \$60,336

Looking for an opportunity to work with a collaborative 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 Knoxville Environmental Field Office (EFO) to work in a diverse team environment with other EFO staff and directly with our regulated community in a multi-county area. The position will be based in the KEFO with the Natural Resource Team. An employee may perform a full range of environmental compliance activities focusing on customer service and maintaining relationships with the regulated community.

If you enjoy working with people, this opportunity serves as a contact for a varied customer base for drinking water. The position requires fieldwork in rural areas, industrial sites, and in all weather conditions, and frequent day travel. Preference may be given to candidates with an Environmental Science degree and/or 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:

- Issue Notice of Coverage to ensure regulatory compliance with the Tennessee General ARAP and Construction Stormwater NPDES permits.
- Conduct compliance inspections of permitted sites to ensure compliance with Tennessee General Stormwater and ARAP permits.
- Conduct complaint investigations related to potential illegal discharges, water quality violations, water wells, and / or fish kills in a timely manner.
- Perform Chemical and Biological Monitoring of watersheds to assess water quality standards for Tennessee.
- Perform compliance inspection of Industrial Stormwater (TMSP) and Ready-Mix Concrete (RMCP) NPDES Permits.
- Initiate enforcement actions when necessary to ensure compliance with all applicable state and federal water quality regulations.

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.