

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 Solid Waste Management :

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



TDEC Environmental Scientist 2 Division of Solid Waste Management Chattanooga Environmental Field Office Annual Salary Range: \$47,496 - \$71,400

Looking for an opportunity to work with a collaborative, diverse team in Tennessee State government? Interested in protecting our environment and public health? This may be the perfect opportunity for you! This position is located in our Chattanooga Environmental Field Office in Hamilton County, TN. Currently, TDEC employees are working in alternative workspaces from their home with the flexibility to have scheduled time in the office.

This position is responsible for conducting inspections at solid waste permitted facilities for compliance with regulations and technical permits. The preferred candidate will have a clear understanding of the State of Tennessee solid waste regulations and how they apply to permitted facilities. The position requires strong computer skills and proficiency with Microsoft Office products, including Excel. The preferred candidate will have a bachelor's degree in environmental science, biology, chemistry, geology, engineering, physics, ecology, or other acceptable science or natural resource-related field and one year of full-time professional environmental program, natural resource conservation work. A valid driver's license is required, as this position involves frequent travel to rural areas and requires navigating difficult terrain, with or without assistance, to complete facility inspections and investigations of citizen complaints. To apply for this preferred service position: <https://www.tn.gov/careers>.

Highlighted Responsibilities:

- Conduct inspections at solid waste facilities in assigned counties serviced by the Chattanooga Environmental Field Office to identify and document regulatory compliance.
- Complete inspection documents and prepare letters to the regulated community to correct noncompliance of solid waste regulations or convey information to deter non-compliance.
- Respond to calls and complaints from the regulated community and conduct complaint investigations.
- Present technical information to the regulated community and the general public in formal and informal settings.
- Participate in Show Cause Meetings and public hearings.
- Develop strong working knowledge of state solid waste 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.