

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 3 Division of Solid Waste Management Toxic Substances Program Annual Salary Range: \$54,204 - \$81,096

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 preferred service position with the Division of Solid Waste Management, Toxic Substances Program (TSP), is in our central office in Nashville. This position offers the opportunity to work with diverse stakeholders across multiple State and Federal agencies, interact with internal and external customers, and have some flexibility for working from home on scheduled days.

This position is responsible for fulfilling objectives under the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) EPA Cooperative Agreement grant and conducting statewide Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) core compliance monitoring inspections (CMLs) by preparing inspection reports, performance reports, and updating program procedures. Minimum Qualifications (MQs) include a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental science, biology, chemistry, geology, engineering, physics, ecology, sustainability, applied science in sustainability, or other acceptable science or natural resource-related field and three years of full-time professional environmental program or natural resource conservation work that involved ensuring compliance with regulations. The successful candidate will have competent knowledge of Microsoft Office 365 products, including Microsoft Excel, Word, and Outlook. Candidates must meet the MQs for this position. For MQs and how to apply, please visit <https://www.tn.gov/careers>.

Highlighted Responsibilities:

- Complete work plan objectives for the AHERA EPA Cooperative Agreement grant.
- Conduct statewide TSCA Core compliance monitoring inspections.
- Complete inspection/investigation reports, create program performance reports, and update program Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPP).
- Assist in reviewing asbestos state regulations and is an instructor of the TSP's AHERA Designated Person course offered statewide to Local Education Agencies (LEAs).
- Conducts CMLs associated with the Asbestos School Hazard Abatement Reauthorization Act (ASHARA) and the TSP asbestos accreditation program.
- Crossed-train to conduct CMLs for state regulated lead-based paint abatement projects and environmental investigations to identify all sources of exposure to children identified with elevated blood lead levels.

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.