

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 Knoxville Environmental Field Office Annual Salary Range: \$47,496 - \$71,400

Are you seeking an opportunity to work with a collaborative team in Tennessee State government? Are you concerned with protecting our environment and public health? The Division of Solid Waste Management has an Environmental Scientist 2 position working with our Solid Waste Program in our Environmental Field Office in Knoxville, TN. The position serves a geologist for this program. Currently, TDEC employees are working in alternative workspaces from their home with the flexibility to have scheduled time in their assigned office.

The preferred candidate will have a bachelor's degree in the field of geology and at least one year of professional environmental program or natural resource conservation work and/or have experience with Tennessee solid waste regulations and policy. The position requires excellent writing skills to provide well-written technical reports and the ability to review inspection documents incorporating the information into various databases. Preferred candidates will have competent knowledge using Microsoft Office 365. To apply for this preferred service position: <https://www.tn.gov/careers>.

Highlighted Responsibilities:

- Review groundwater monitoring reports and determine permit compliance. Evaluate hydrogeologic reports and groundwater monitoring plans for new solid waste permits and determine compliance with regulations.
- Provide groundwater reviews and assistance for all solid waste facilities within a 16-county area of eastern Tennessee.
- Inspect permitted solid waste facilities to ensure compliance with state regulations and issued permits. Investigate assigned solid waste complaints in accordance with current Division policy.
- Determine validity and severity of violation(s) and whether an enforcement action is warranted. Provide clear and accurate information regarding regulatory evaluations and Enforcement Action Requests.
- Provide clear and accurate regulatory technical assistance.
- Prepare accurate and well-written related correspondence that can be clearly and succinctly provided to a variety of customers.
- Attend Show Cause meetings, public hearings, and participate in compliance meetings.

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.