

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:

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 Protection Specialist 1 Division of Water Resources Chattanooga Environmental Field Office Annual Salary Range: \$43,212 – \$52,500

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 Chattanooga, TN Environmental Field Office that will work in a diverse team environment with other EFO staff as well as directly with our regulated community. The position is responsible for the collection and compliance review of operational data from a variety of water related treatment activities, and provide technical assistance to operators regarding compliance with federal and state rules in support of the TN Water Quality Control Act, TN Safe Drinking Water Act, and Safe Dams Act.

The position requires excellent communication skills in a variety of settings working with a broad/diverse customer base. The ability to apply analytical and critical thinking skills to solve problems or accomplish tasks are key competencies for this work. The position requires frequent day travel with an occasional overnight. Candidates should have experience organizing travel and work schedules by setting priorities to ensure critical established deadlines are met. Experience working in a self-directed capacity and collaborating with management to achieve organizational goals is important. The preferred candidate will hold a degree in Civil, Environmental, Mechanical or Chemical Engineering. To apply for this position visit: <http://www.tn.gov/careers>.

Highlighted Responsibilities:

- Perform compliance inspections of permitted facilities (wastewater, drinking water, stormwater, and industry), and state regulated safe dams.
- Conduct Inspections of facilities for NPDES Compliance, Safe Drinking Water Act compliance, and Safe Dams compliance.
- Conduct complaint investigations related to TN Water Quality Control Act compliance. Make corrective action recommendations including enforcement actions.
- Develop Enforcement Action Requests to correct noncompliance issues and oversee compliance within assigned programs.

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.