

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 are valued so that our culture reflects the people we serve.

Our department is committed to providing a cleaner, safer environment that goes together 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 aiding 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 TDEC Land Reclamation Section:

The Land Reclamation Section administers the state's Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Program which works throughout the state's coal field to protect the public from health and safety problems caused by mining that occurred prior to 1982.

Examples of hazards that can be found on abandoned mine sites are dangerous highwalls, water-filled pits, open mine portals and landslides. The AML program restores these degraded sites to a safe and environmentally stable condition through a process known as reclamation which strives to:

- Remove dangerous health and safety hazards that threaten the public
- Improve the environment, and
- Restore resources to make them available for economic development



TDEC Senior Environmental Tech Division of Mineral & Geologic Resources Abandoned Mine Land Program Knoxville Environmental Field Office Annual Salary Range: \$43,140 - \$53,856

Looking for an exciting career opportunity where you can see the impact of the work you do? The Land Reclamation Section within TDEC's Abandoned Mine Land Program is seeking someone to become part of a collaborative team to assist with the restoration of Tennessee's abandoned mine lands. This Senior Environmental Tech position is based in our Knoxville, TN Environmental Field Office and will conduct work in a multi-county area. The position will offer a healthy mix of office time and year-round field-work.

We are seeking applicants who have a post-secondary degree or certification in environmental science, physical sciences, ecology, sustainability, life sciences, environmental health, geography, engineering or other acceptable science or natural resource related field, or a high school diploma and three years of full-time environmental work. Preference will be given to candidates with experience in advanced environmental field activities, construction oversight, sampling, or geographic information systems (GIS). Candidates must meet the minimum qualifications (MQs) for this position. For MQs and how to apply, please visit: <https://www.tn.gov/careers>.

Highlighted Responsibilities:

- Research and investigate abandoned mine sites and assist with developing high priority sites into reclamation projects.
- Draft scientific documents for project environmental reviews.
- Create technical reports and photographic documentation for site investigations and project inspections.
- Utilize GIS to support field data collection, project development, and construction oversight.
- Cultivate professional relationships with landowners, contractors, and government & non-government stakeholders.

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.