

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 hand-in-hand with economic prosperity and increased quality of life in Tennessee. We deliver on our mission by 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 (DWR):

The Division of 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 the 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



TDEC Environmental Scientist 1 Division of Water Resources Knoxville Environmental Field Office Annual Salary Range: \$47,496 – \$71,400

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 Knoxville Environmental Field Office (EFO), which will work in a diverse team environment with other EFO staff and directly with our regulated community in a multi-county area. The position will be a primary contact in Campbell and Claiborne County for the Ground Water Team. An employee may perform a full range of environmental compliance activities focusing on customer service and maintaining relationships with the regulated community.

If you enjoy working with people, this opportunity serves as a contact for a varied customer base for drinking water. The position requires fieldwork in rural areas, industrial sites, in all weather conditions, and frequent day travel. Preference may be given to candidates with an Environmental Science degree and/or professional environmental experience. Preferred bachelor's degrees include engineering, environmental science, biology, physical sciences, or other related environmental science fields. Candidates must meet the minimum qualifications (MQs) for this position. For MQs and how to apply, please visit: <http://www.tn.gov/careers>.

Highlighted Responsibilities:

- Issue subsurface sewage discharge system (SSDS) permits to ensure regulatory compliance with the state Ground Water Protection Rules.
- Conduct inspections of SSDS installations to ensure compliance with state Ground Water Protection Rules.
- Conduct complaint investigations related to illegal sewage discharges, water quality violations, water wells, and / or fish kills in a timely manner.
- Perform water samples at private homes upon request from the public.
- Perform compliance inspection of decentralized subsurface sewage systems.
- Perform inspections of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) under the compliance of Tennessee Water Quality Control Act.
- Perform inspections of water wells and geothermal wells both during construction and post construction to ensure licensed well drillers and installers are following regulatory requirements.
- Initiate enforcement actions when necessary to ensure compliance with all applicable state and federal water quality 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.