

## 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 (DWR):

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 Scientist 3 Division of Water Resources Cookeville Environmental Field Office Annual Salary Range: \$53,400 – \$66,600

Looking for an opportunity to work with a collaborative team in the Tennessee State government? Interested in protecting our environment, public health, and water quality? The Division of Water Resources has a position in our Cookeville Environmental Field Office (EFO) and will work in a diverse team environment with other EFO staff as well as directly with our regulated community. The position will perform site assessments and reviews for the construction and installation of Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems (SSDS). This position will also conduct Construction Stormwater General Permit inspections related to large construction sites. This position will process Enforcement Action Requests to correct noncompliance issues and oversee compliance within assigned programs.

The position requires excellent communication, time management, and organizational skills in a variety of settings working with a broad/diverse customer base. The preferred candidate will have education or experience in the physical sciences. Education and Experience: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree in environmental science and one year of a full-time professional environmental program. 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:

- Acquire and maintain a working knowledge of state and federal rules governing SSDS.
- Complete environmental site assessments and inspections of Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems (SSDS or septic systems), and issue Subsurface Sewage Disposal System permits.
- Conduct inspections of Construction Stormwater General Permit sites in accordance with TDEC's quality system standard operating procedures to ensure regulatory compliance.
- Accurately complete all construction and installation inspection reports for SSDS and all environmental investigative reports within the designated time frames.
- Review permit applications for completeness and issue coverage under applicable permits. Maintain permit files, records, and reports.
- Assist additional Division wide programs as requested by management to support the mission of the agency and division.

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