

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 Toxic Substances Program Division of Solid Waste Management 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? This may be the perfect opportunity for you! This position is in the Toxic Substances Program (TSP) within the Division of Solid Waste Management in the Nashville Central Office. It is primarily a field position and has some flexibility for working from home on scheduled days following completing probation.

This position conducts compliance monitoring inspections at regulated entities to ensure compliance with lead-based paint (LBP), asbestos, and Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB) regulations, investigates TSP complaints, and conducts Elevated Blood Lead Level Environmental Investigations of cases referred by the Tennessee Department of Health. Minimum qualifications (MQs) include a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental science, biology, chemistry, or other acceptable science or natural resource-related field and at least one year of full-time professional environmental program experience. Knowledge of the scientific method, data reduction, and statistical analyses is required. The successful candidate must be able to traverse uneven terrain with or without accommodations and be able to lift and tote 20 pounds. The successful candidate will have excellent computer skills, experience managing databases, experience conducting regulatory inspections, and possess a valid driver's license. This position requires statewide travel during regular work hours, occasionally overnight, and weekends. Candidates must meet the minimum qualifications for this position. For MQs and how to apply, please visit <https://www.tn.gov/careers>.

Highlighted Responsibilities:

- Become knowledgeable of the State of Tennessee Lead Based Paint regulations and their application to lead hazard reduction and renovation/remodeling projects in Tennessee.
- Become knowledgeable of the State of Tennessee and federal asbestos and PCB regulations and compliance monitoring requirements.
- Applying established Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), conduct compliance monitoring inspections and complete inspection reports and letters to relay accurate results to the regulated community and management.
- Review documentation submitted to TSP for compliance with regulatory and statutory requirements.
- Perform TSP complaint investigations that are consistent with SOPs and quality assurance project plans.
- Track inspections, investigations, and project notification activities and records.

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.