

**TDEC-State Geologist**

**Division of Mineral and Geologic Resources**

**Knoxville Environmental Field Office**

**Salary Range: $59,700 - $89,496**

Looking for an opportunity to work with a collaborative team in Tennessee State government? The Division of Mineral & Geologic Resources (DMGR) has a position in our Knoxville Environmental Field Office that will work in a diverse team environment to lead the Tennessee Geological Survey (TGS) as the Tennessee State Geologist. This position will report to the Director of the Division of Mineral & Geologic Resources (DMGR). Major responsibilities include overseeing and directing geologic mapping, applying for, receiving, and managing cooperative grants from the United States Geological Survey (USGS), ensuring the preservation of geoscience data and materials, participating in geohazard mitigation efforts, representing the TGS with local, state, and national committees, and advising state and local agencies on geoscience issues.

Candidates are required to be a licensed Professional Geologist by the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance, or another state with a reciprocal agreement, have graduated from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree in geology, geophysics, geochemistry, engineering geology or their subdivisions, and have at least five years of geological professional experience. Preferred candidates will have experience with USGS STATEMAP and NGGDP programs and specific knowledge of the geology of Tennessee. To apply for this position please visit: <http://www.tn.gov/careers>.

**Highlighted Responsibilities:**

* Manage five TGS staff, including tracking progress toward completion of deliverables to program project grants.
* Serve as the principal investigator for USGS awarded grants, while assisting the grants program manager with preparing and reviewing grant amendments and final reports.
* Lead efforts to acquire additional grant funding through participation in competitive funding processes.
* Submit quarterly reports to the DMGR Director, including budget status and completion progress of field/grant activities and geologic mapping.
* Ensure requests for geologic hazard technical assistance and other outreach activities are completed in a timely manner.
* Participate in webinars, workshops, and other outside training opportunities that align with cooperative federal grant programs related to critical minerals, geological and geophysical data preservation, geological hazards, and geological mapping.
* Conduct seminars, lectures, presentations, and other educational outreach activities regarding Tennessee geological formations, geologic hazards, technical assistance, or history.

*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.*

**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 Mineral & Geologic Resources (DMGR):**

DMGR is responsible for ensuring the environmentally sound management, protection and documentation of the state’s mineral, land and energy resources for all Tennesseans and future generations. The Division handles the permitting, inspection, compliance and enforcement of mineral extraction activities for both fuel and non-fuel minerals, the reclamation of abandoned coal mines left unreclaimed prior to the enactment of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) and where there is no responsible party, and also houses the Tennessee Geological Survey (TGS) which conducts geologic hazards research, public service and education programs, and basic and applied research on geology and mineral resources.