

TDOT Environmental Studies Specialist - Advanced

NEPA – 1 Position

This position will be responsible for compliance with the federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) as it relates to transportation projects. The NEPA Law requires TDOT must comply with a vast array of regulations in order to use federal funding for its projects, including such areas as ecology, endangered species, air pollution, noise, hazardous materials, historic preservation, archaeology, and many other environmental regulations. This person is responsible for overseeing a large number of projects to ensure completeness and that the schedule is maintained, collecting and analyzing project related data, writing and reviewing NEPA documents, document distribution and storing/filing. Candidates with a good working knowledge of NEPA preparation as it related to transportation and environmental studies are highly desired.

Ecology Section – 1 Position

This is the advanced level of the TDOT Environmental Studies Specialist Series. An employee in this class is a lead worker responsible for identifying and completing environmental studies required for federal and state-funded transportation projects. This position will work with project development and operational staff to coordinate environmental studies with consideration of the overall project schedule. An employee of this class will be responsible for complex projects and studies. The ideal candidate should have experience related to transportation projects including stream identification and wetland delineation, stream and wetland assessment, familiarity with the 401/404 permitting process, and endangered species coordination. Duties include a combination of office work and field work, possibly in adverse conditions with overnight travel occasionally required.

Compliance and Field Services Section – 2 Positions

This position will be responsible for conducting Quality Assurance (QA) inspections on active TDOT construction projects to ensure compliance with environmental permits including NPDES CGP coverage and Section 401, Section 404 and TVA 26a water quality permits. Position responsibilities include activities related to QA inspection performance as well as conducting periodic reviews of the QA inspection program process. Responsibilities will also include providing technical assistance to TDOT Operations staff regarding environmental compliance issues, assisting with the development of TDOT guidance, and participating in related training programs and committees.