

TDOT Environmental Studies
Specialist Trainee
(TDOT ESST)



NEPA Programs Office, NEPA Special Projects Section (1 Position)

The TDOT NEPA Programs Office is responsible for the preparation of environmental documents in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for federally funded transportation projects in Tennessee. The NEPA Special Projects Section within the NEPA Programs Office is responsible for the development and reevaluation of Environmental Assessments (EA) and Environmental Impact Statements (EIS), oversight and management of the Tennessee Environmental Streamlining Agreement (TESA) program, and oversight of the Local Programs NEPA program. The NEPA Special Projects Section is also often involved in other efforts such as the development of Categorical Exclusion (CE) level NEPA documents and state equivalent documents where unique circumstances or alternative delivery options are a factor.

The TDOT Environmental Studies Specialist Trainee (TESST) will assist with the Local Programs NEPA program by working with and providing guidance to local partners to help them in developing their own environmental documents. The TESST will also be responsible for the development of simple to moderately complex NEPA documents assigned to the NEPA Special Projects Section. For all assigned efforts, the TESST is responsible for ensuring the documents are compliant with relevant statutes, regulations, and guidance and are completed within the agreed upon project schedule. Also, the TESST will collect and analyze project related data, maintain detailed project files that document the NEPA or TEER decision, and distribute and store environmental compliance documents according to NEPA Programs Office standards. Ideal candidates will have a basic working knowledge of NEPA documentation as it relates to transportation projects.