

Earth Day 2012



Career Profile

Name: Anil I. Patel, P.E.
Job Title: Environmental Engineer
Location: Southeastern Regional Office
Years with DEP: 22

What kinds of activities do you perform on a daily basis?

I review waste management permit application including municipal waste, residual waste and hazardous waste.

What kind of educational background do you have?

I have a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. I also hold a Professional Engineer (P.E.) License.

What is the most challenging part of your job?

The most challenging part is dealing with different companies (applicants) with different kind of business. It is my responsibility to make sure the facilities work under all environmental rules and regulations.

What got you interested in working in an environmental field?

My interest in the environmental field developed because we make sure that what we breathe, drink and eat are all environmentally safe.

What is the most rewarding part of your job?

I can share my knowledge to improve the environment by minimizing the waste generation at the facilities I work with.

What advice do you have for someone thinking about a career in environmental science?

If someone is thinking about an environmental career then DEP would be a great choice. You can share your knowledge to improve the quality of the environment.