

## DARREN D. KEARNEY

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### EDUCATION:

#### **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA, Vermillion, South Dakota**

Beacom School of Business

Master's in Business Administration (GPA 4.0)

*June 2013 – May 2015*

#### **UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS, Minneapolis, Minnesota**

Opus College of Business

Pursued Master's in Business Administration (GPA 3.95)

*November 2011 – December 2012*

#### **UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, Minneapolis, Minnesota**

College of Biological Sciences

Bachelor of Science, Biology (GPA 3.347)

*December 2003*

### EXPERIENCE:

#### **SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, Pierre SD**

*Utility Analyst*

*February 2013 - Present*

- Ensured public utility company filings are in compliance with South Dakota statutes and regulations.
- Analyzed transmission facility siting dockets and helped draft settlement agreements when appropriate.
- Analyzed energy efficiency, telecom tariff, telecom certificate of authority, and electric service territory dockets.
- Reviewed proposed EPA rules and authored comments in response to the proposed rules.
- Participated in regional transmission planning discussions.
- Attended a number of trainings on electric grid operation, regional transmission planning, public utility policy issues, and ratemaking.

#### **XCEL ENERGY, Minneapolis MN**

*Plant Environmental Analyst III*

*October 2009 – February 2013*

- Reviewed power plant processes and made modifications as necessary to ensure the plant was in continued compliance with environmental permits and regulations.
- Coordinated environmental related testing (e.g. annual stack tests required by Air Permit/CAA).
- Worked on Title V Air Permit and NPDES Permit renewals/amendments.
- Reviewed plant air and water emissions data and generated compliance reports for Air and NPDES/SDS Permits.
- Performed plant compliance inspections/audits to ensure permits, policies, and procedures were properly executed.
- Provided environmental training to plant staff.
- Conducted root cause investigations on spills and permit non-compliance incidents, developed corrective actions to prevent incident reoccurrence, and then implemented the corrective actions as directed by plant management.
- Acted as point of contact during regulatory agency inspections and internal audits.
- Managed the facility's hazardous waste program for compliance with county waste rules and RCRA.

*Environmental Analyst II*

*August 2006 – October 2009*

- Subject matter expert for AST/UST compliance, the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (SPCC) and Industrial Stormwater.
- Managed an Environmental Incident Response Program that involved training individuals on reporting and/or cleanup requirements for oil/chemical spills and power plant permit non-compliance incidents.
- Mobilized company and contractor resources to spills and directed spill cleanups.
- Negotiated with regulators (e.g. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency) to secure aboveground storage tank permits.

#### **ADECCO TECHNICAL, Edina MN**

*Contract Biologist - Xcel Energy Environmental Analyst*

*June 2004 – August 2006*

- Developed monitoring plans, conducted field monitoring/sampling, performed statistical analysis on data collected, and authored reports for biological studies at Xcel Energy power plants as required by State and Federal Rules.
- Established knowledge of environmental permits and Federal, State, and Local environmental regulations.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Academic: Beta Gamma Sigma International Honor Society (Business School)