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EDUCATION:

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA, Vermillion, South Dakota

Beacom School of Business

Master of Business Administration (GPA 4.0)

June 2013 – May 2015

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Opus College of Business

Pursued Master of 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 siting dockets, testified before the Commission, and worked on settlement agreements as appropriate.
- Analyzed energy efficiency, telecom tariff, telecom certificate of authority, electric service territory, and other electric dockets in order to form a position and make recommendations to the Commission on those dockets.
- Reviewed proposed EPA Clean Power Plan rules and authored comments in response to the proposed rules.
- Worked on MISO wholesale electric market, regional transmission planning, and cost allocation issues.
- 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 coordinating spill cleanups and training individuals on reporting/cleanup requirements for oil/chemical spills and power plant permit non-compliance incidents.

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)