

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)

*September 2000 – December 2003***EXPERIENCE:****SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, Pierre SD***Utility Analyst**February 2013 - Present*

- Ensured public utility company filings comply with South Dakota statutes and regulations.
- Made recommendations to the Commission, both in writing and orally, on complex technical matters.
- Worked on energy facility siting cases where I managed consultants, formulated positions with a team of experts and attorneys, drafted settlement agreements and testified before the Commission.
- Analyzed energy efficiency, telecom tariff, telecom certificate of authority, and electric service territory dockets.
- Used ArcGIS to create electric service territory boundary shapefiles and maps.
- Reviewed proposed EPA rules for potential impacts to South Dakota's electric utilities and authored comments in response to proposed rules.
- Participated in regional transmission planning work groups.
- Stayed current on the utility industry's changing environment, with emphasis on the regulatory environment.
- Attended several 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/OTHER ACTIVITY:

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

Hockey Referee for South Dakota Amateur Hockey Association

Former Head Coach of the Oahe Lady Capitals High School Hockey Team