Environmental Specialist
Westwood, MA

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The position will support the implementation of Eversource’s Solar program in Massachusetts by developing and implementing Siting and Permitting strategies from site identification, through construction and ongoing facility compliance. The Licensing and Permitting Specialist is responsible for environmental permitting, due diligence and regulatory compliance related Eversource’s Solar Program and may also work on other major or complex energy infrastructure projects within Eversource’s Massachusetts service territory.

Essential Functions

- Responsible for all phases of the environmental planning, cost estimating, scheduling, and implementation of Solar projects with latitude for exercising initiative and independent decision making in support of the corporate environmental policies and goals.
- Responsible for all phases of the environmental permitting and siting of identified solar facilities including federal, state and local environmental permitting, and state and local siting (Department of Public Utilities and/or local planning and zoning) requirements.
- Take appropriate actions to respond to environmental requirements or incidents to minimize environmental liability and ensure compliance.
- Conduct environmental assessments, permitting, soil and groundwater management.
- Attend public meetings and hearings and provide oversight of contracts and consultants for such services.
- Monitors governmental organizations and regulatory agencies for new rules, regulations, laws and policies.
- Communicates environmental requirements throughout the organization.
- Ensures environmental compliance throughout the Eversource System by representing the Environmental Affairs Department on project teams.

Qualifications

Technical Knowledge/Skills:

- Clear understanding of municipal, state, and federal environmental regulations, permitting and policy in Massachusetts.
- Clear understanding of municipal, and state Siting policy in Massachusetts.
- Excellent communications skills and the ability to "think on your feet" are required.
Must have technical writing skills, including the ability to recognize and resolve problems in technical communications; and can work independently and professionally with project teams, their attorneys, outside consultants, other utilities and regulatory agency staffs.

Requires experience in managing or leading environmental projects under Federal Permitting Programs regulated under, or by, the Clean Water Act (e.g., Sections 401 & 404, NPDES SWPPP and SPCC Compliance), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Section 404 Permitting and Section 7/10 Conformance), the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (endangered species); and State Permitting Programs regulating soil and groundwater disposal, water quality, wetlands/waterways, Endangered/Protected Species, and Historical/Archeological Resources. Local permitting programs experience required (e.g., conservation commissions, zoning boards).

General knowledge of applicable regulatory, engineering, and construction procedures; knowledge of the energy delivery power system; and the ability to utilize information technology and the use of Eversource Energy's office automation systems is required.

Professional certification (PWS, CPESC, CESSWI, Forester etc.) highly desired.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 40-hour wetland delineation and regulatory training preferred.

Working knowledge of GIS is preferred.

**Education**

- Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science, Environmental Studies, Natural Resource, Ecology, or related field required.

**Experience**

- (5) five plus years’ experience with environmental permitting processes in Massachusetts required.
- Energy-utility environmental siting and permitting experience required
- Experience permitting solar and/or other clean energy projects preferred

**License**

- Valid driver’s license required.

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