

VHB's growing Hauppauge, New York team is looking for a mid-level Energy/Environmental Planner to join our expanding Energy and Environmental practice. VHB's passionate professionals include engineers, scientists, planners, and designers who partner with public and private clients in the transportation, real estate, institutional, and energy industries, as well as federal, state, and local governments. Together, we work to improve mobility, enhance communities and economic vitality, and balance development and infrastructure needs with environmental stewardship.

The successful candidate will have professional experience in the environmental and energy industry, with direct experience working with energy utilities in the electric and/or natural gas markets along with experience in the renewable energy market areas (previous utility experience is highly desired). The Energy/Environmental Planner will work on projects requiring the preparation of documents and related environmental services in accordance with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and New York Public Service Commission (NYPSC) Article VII and Article X guidelines.

In addition to preparing environmental/planning documents, the mid-level Environmental Planner will also be responsible for assisting in the execution of environmental permitting strategy, regulatory strategy development, environmental field surveys, and construction compliance for a variety of energy-related projects potentially to include wind and solar power, transmission lines, and oil and gas facilities. The mid-level Energy/Environmental Planner will also be involved in proposal preparation and other business development opportunities with key clients in the public and private sectors.

Responsibilities

- Preparation of documents related to environmental services and compliance with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and New York Public Service Commission (NYPSC) Article VII and Article X guidelines.
- Assist in managing, coordinating, and overseeing complex energy projects that involve a multitude of environmental and engineering related tasks, stakeholders, and various resource agencies at the local, state and federal levels.
- Assist senior leadership by tracking project milestones as well as programmatic business goals.

Skills and Abilities

- Experience in working on energy related projects throughout the Northeast Region
- Excellent verbal, written, and interpersonal communication skills
- Team oriented with strong capability to work independently
- Motivated to lead and mentor others
- Ability to problem solve and think creatively
- Experience with presentations before reviewing agencies and community boards is preferred
- Focused on meeting project deadlines
- Ability to prioritize, organize and perform multiple work assignments simultaneously
- Ability to perform work accurately in a detail oriented environment

- Ability to prepare clear and concise reports, procedures, correspondence, and other written materials

Qualifications

- Minimum 5-10 years of experience specific to regulated energy projects and on SEQRA compliance.
- BS in environmental science, urban/environmental planning, biological sciences or a related field;
- Familiarity with wetland delineations, threatened and endangered species (T&E) habitat characterization, land use mapping and vegetation cover classification, GPS data collection, consultations, permitting, and report preparation for the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), NYPSC, and other state and local agencies, a plus.
- Proficient in GIS, Microsoft Word, Excel, and Outlook, and other related computer applications and functions.
- Writing samples and references will be required

At VHB, we're invested in what we do, compelled by intellectual curiosity, and driven to work collectively to best serve our clients and help shape the future of our communities in a meaningful way. We're proud, yet humbled, to have been doing this for 36 years. We are dedicated to making a positive impact, and providing opportunities to grow personally and professionally.