

Job Announcement

Position: Senior Counsel - Environmental
Division: Administration Law
Rate: Commensurate with experience

FLSA: Exempt
Posted: August 27, 2020
Application Deadline: until filled

Summary:

The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority, a municipal authority also regulated by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, is seeking an experienced environmental counsel to help advance the critical mission of providing safe and reliable water, sewer and stormwater services to its customers and protecting public health and the environment.

The primary responsibility of this attorney will be to provide legal support and counseling for PWSA's regulatory compliance functions, especially the company's compliance with Environmental Protection Agency, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection as well as local and municipal regulations. As part of this function, this attorney will also be responsible for ensuring that the company is addressing current and future regulatory compliance obligations. This attorney will work closely with PWSA's engineering and Operations groups and to ensure timely and accurate reporting and coordination with the necessary state and federal agencies as needed.

This attorney will also have opportunities to handle other legal matters as team needs dictate. For example, the ideal candidate will also have experience in areas of land use, contracts, and municipal transactions including permitting, sewage planning, stormwater planning, environmental remediation, and government enforcement proceedings.

This attorney may work directly with outside counsel and may assist with case evaluation. Likewise, this attorney may also work internally with paralegals, engineers, and witnesses in a variety of roles, and will be expected to participate on cross-functional teams with other members. A successful candidate should be comfortable counseling PWSA's senior leaders regarding risk management and other legal obligations.

Duties:

Providing day to day legal support and counseling to internal clients regarding government and regulatory compliance, especially regarding environmental laws and regulations. Ensuring that internal clients are aware of impending changes in regulations and laws that affect the company's business operations and reporting obligations.

- Counseling senior leadership on litigation and government reporting risks
- Partnering with department directors to ensure compliance with state and federal environmental regulations
- Working with paralegals, engineers, and other internal parties to implement environmental compliance programs and activities
- Working with outside counsel and leading teams of attorneys to develop case strategy
- Interfacing with and maintaining excellent relationships with government agencies and outside counsel

Background:

- Must have a J.D. from an ABA accredited law school.
- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Bar admission or eligibility for admission.
- Minimum 7 years of practice in a related field at a utility law firm or government entity.
- Excellent communication and negotiation skills.

Physical Demands and Working Conditions:

The employee will be required to complete routine office work in a standard office setting. They also must regularly lift or move up to 20 pounds.

The physical demands are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential duties of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential duties.

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Applications:

Application forms are available online at www.pgh2o.com/about-us/careers or in the Human Resources Department at 1200 Penn Avenue. Submit application, resume, and cover letter to HR@pgh2o.com, by fax at 412-393-0513, or by mail at the following address:

Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority

ATTN: Human Resources
1200 Penn Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

If you have any questions, please contact us at 412-255-8800.

You may be considered for other available positions based on qualifications provided on your employment application.

An Equal Opportunity Employer

The PWSA does not discriminate against anyone based on race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, place of birth, sex, sexual orientation, family status, age, or non-disqualifying disability, or on any other basis protected by federal, state or local law.