
Sarah H. Aftergood

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Ms. Aftergood is a dedicated Professional with 10 years of experience carrying out the development and permitting of projects in the renewable energy, power transmission and environmental industry both domestically and internationally in the USA, Canada, Europe, Australia, and West Africa. Ms. Aftergood also possesses a strong background in marine sciences, stakeholder consultation, public speaking, budgeting, and project development. Known for organizational, interpersonal and negotiation skills while working with confidentiality and enthusiasm.

Professional Experience

Ørsted Onshore North America, Austin, Texas USA

Director, Environmental Permitting

July 2021-Current

- Ms. Aftergood currently leads the Environmental and Permitting team at Ørsted Onshore. She also supports Ørsted's global initiatives with regards to environmental sustainability and biodiversity.
- Manages and oversees implementation of USFWS Wind Energy and Eagle Conservation Plan Guidelines, Section 10 Habitat Conservation Plans and Bald and Golden Eagle Act Eagle Conservation Plans and NEPA reviews and required local, state, and federal avian, bat and wildlife surveys and permits

DNV Energy North America, Austin, Texas USA

Senior Permitting and Environmental Lead

November 2019-July 2021

- Ms. Aftergood oversaw all Offshore Wind Permitting and marine affairs activities and led on federal permitting plans, bid solicitations, environmental survey design and commercial viability in the Northeastern US (Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, and Virginia), Interconnection studies in the NY Bight and California, Geology and Geophysical Survey planning for BOEM approval, Site Assessment Plans and strategic outlooks to California (floating turbine permitting and military use).
- Ms. Aftergood was the Lead Project Manager for the writing and submission of a Construction and Operation Plan for a developer on the Northeast Coast.

EDP Renewables North American, Houston, Texas USA

Development Project Manager II

August 2019-November 2019

Development Project Manager I

January 2017-August 2019

- Led the development and construction of Timber Road IV Wind Farm in Paulding County, Ohio. Completed the Ohio Power siting Board permitting process twice (1 permit for the wind farm and 1 permit for the transmission line). Held 2 Open Houses and attended 2 Public Hearings for the project. Both permits were granted in 2019. Testified on behalf of the industry in Columbus Ohio in June 2019 against House Bill 6.

Project Director

2016-2016

Ellura Environmental Inc., Calgary Alberta Canada

- Ms. Aftergood led the development of a start-up company developing business opportunities in the renewable energy sector in Alberta. Lead environmental studies for proposed wind farm projects and developed business for solar and geothermal. Helping to achieve sustainable development and clean energy solutions.

Environmental Assessment Specialist

2014-2016

Nexen Energy ULC, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

- Ms. Aftergood supported the team on the Environmental assessment and environmental work for Downstream and Midstream operations for liquefied natural gas (LNG) for the Aurora LNG Project in Prince Rupert, BC under various legislation (Species at Risk Act, Heritage Act, Water Quality Act, Fisheries Act, Migratory Birds Act).
- Ms. Aftergood worked closely with the Tsimshian First Nations Treat Society on marine use and fisheries matters.
- Successfully achieved approval of the Application Information Requirements (AIR) from the British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office in November 2015.

Environmental Fisheries Officer

2013-2014

Northumberland Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority, United Kingdom

- Worked with a local government authority on European Legislation and working under the Marine and Coastal Access Act, 2009.
- Ms. Aftergood led the work with regards to European Marine Sites under the Habitats Directive. Drafting byelaws, Municipal Planning, Impact Assessments, Habitat Regulation Assessments and Stakeholder engagement.
- Ms. Aftergood represented the government at meetings with a diverse range of stakeholders. Sat on the Technical Advisory Group, the Science and Technical Sub Committee with the Local County Council and the Northeast Environmental Standing Group. Ms. Aftergood also worked closely with The Environment Agency (EA), Natural England (NE), Marine Management Organization (MMO) and Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

Environmental Consultant

2012-2013

Royal HaskoningDHV, United Kingdom

This company is one of Europe's leading project management, engineering and consultancy providers with a strategic global presence.

- Provided desk-based support to a range of overseas and domestic projects (Africa, Middle East, Indian Ocean region, Europe, UK) E.g. collating data and reports, liaising with clients and consultants, producing project schedules and managing budget allocation. Contributing to Expressions of Interest and project Proposals for World Bank and EU initiatives. Worked on Dogger Bank Creyke Beck Offshore and Onshore Wind Farm, Moray Offshore Wind Farm, Environmental and Social Impacts for Port Expansion Project in Gabon, Options Appraisal for UK Anglian Region Pumping Stations for fish friendly passage, Ecological Monitoring of Small Hydro Power Scheme

Education

2012

Master of Science (International Marine Environment Consultancy)

Newcastle University, Newcastle Upon Tyne, United Kingdom

Project Title: A Study of Recreational Sea Angler data and perceptions of distributions and changing abundances of certain warm water fish species along the Eastern UK coast.

2011

Bachelor of Science (Honours) Biology

Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario
