

George Johnson Professional Biography

Mr. Johnson has more than 28 years of experience as an environmental scientist in both the public and private sector. He has worked in Wastewater treatment, Water Quality, Solid Waste, Hazardous Waste, Leaking Underground Storage Tanks, Program Development and State Rule-writing process Environmental Review and Power Plant Siting. His expertise includes energy facility siting, routing, permitting, and policy development; Minnesota and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) studies and coordination of public participation processes. In 2000, He joined the staff of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board and worked as a project manager and State Planning Director for Energy Facility Permitting focus on siting of powerplants and facilities and routing electric transmission and natural gas pipelines. He has been directing or involved with permitting, economic and environmental studies for energy facilities and other large infrastructure projects including several of the wind development projects in the Buffalo Ridge area. He has worked at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and Minnesota Department of Commerce and Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. he currently works as a Senior Scientist at SEH Engineers. He has served as a member of the Saint Paul Planning Commission for twelve years, including two years as Chair.