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A NEIWPCC employee since 2012, Heather Radcliffe provides leadership for the Water Resource Protection Division's initiatives including source water protection, nonpoint source pollution, emerging contaminants, and quality assurance. She also serves as the Lowell project officer for the Lake Champlain Basin Program, overseeing funding for initiatives across Vermont, New York, and the Province of Quebec.

As NEIWPCC's staff attorney, Ms. Radcliffe uses her legal expertise to research legislative and legal issues, advises staff on legal affairs, and writes policy position papers. She manages all matters related to NEIWPCC contracts; this includes updating templates, reviewing and negotiating individual agreements, and supervising the information officer for contracts and budget administration.

Prior to becoming director of Water Resource Protection Programs, Ms. Radcliffe was a senior program manager in the Water Quality Division. Her responsibilities included serving as the project manager of the bistate Narragansett Bay Estuary Program (NBEP), which is hosted by NEIWPCC. She supervised the NBEP's Providence-based staff, who work to protect and restore the water quality and ecological integrity of the Narragansett Bay, and managed the program's grant, contract, and budget tasks. Ms. Radcliffe also served as project manager of the Interstate Environmental Commission District, a tristate agency which NEIWPCC hosted from 2012 to 2018.

Ms. Radcliffe was the recipient of the NEIWPCC Annual Achievement Award in 2019. She also received a U.S. EPA Region 1 Environmental Merit Award in 2015 for her work with NBEP in launching the EPA's Southeast New England Program, which promotes an ecosystem approach to protecting and restoring the coastal watersheds in southeast New England.

Before joining NEIWPCC, Ms. Radcliffe attended Vermont Law School, where she served on the Vermont Journal of Environmental Law's editorial board and interned at the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic. At the clinic, she drafted an appellate brief for a federal appeals court regarding a complex multi-year matter involving Resource Conservation and Recovery Act violations. She also drafted a successful motion for a state environmental court regarding an issue of first impression based on the public trust doctrine and groundwater.

Education:

J.D., Vermont Law School
Master of Environmental Law and Policy, Vermont Law School
B.A., English with Creative Writing focus, Environmental Studies minor, College of the Holy Cross

Bar Admissions and Other Memberships:

Admitted to practice law in Massachusetts and Vermont
Association of Clean Water Administrators (ACWA), Legal Affairs Committee
American Bar Association

Publications:

Comment, *Pesticides and Farmers: Life after National Cotton Council of America v. EPA* 20 San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review 151 (2010).
Modernization of the Clean Water Act is Long Overdue, NEIWPCC, Sept. 2015,
http://www.neiwppc.org/iwrold/iwr-docs/IWR_special%20report.pdf.

