

Beth Read
Rural Development Specialist - Environmental

Lebanon, Oregon

Skills

- Project management
- Public speaking
- Continuing education credit trainings
- Water and wastewater regulatory compliance
- Water and wastewater quality testing
- Community outreach/partnership building
- Customer relations

Experience

Beth Read joined RCAC in 2021. She provides rural communities and tribes in Oregon with technical, managerial, and financial assistance related to their water and wastewater needs. She conducts water and wastewater rate analyses, assists with funding applications, provides utility operator trainings, and technical assistance to help bring water and wastewater systems into regulatory compliance.

Before joining RCAC, Ms. Read owned an environmental laboratory specializing in water and wastewater testing. She worked with water, wastewater, industry, tribal, private and government entities to help increase their understanding of the necessity to test for health and safety needs, and to maintain compliance through testing. She taught CEU classes on such topics as lab tests, proper sampling techniques, industry history, correct paperwork completion, current and emerging concerns, and finding a contract lab. She also conducted a lab section review for operator certification testing both in-person at schools and conferences, and virtually. Lab ownership required project management, purchasing, financials, records/reports review, supervising/training employees, report writing, and recordkeeping. Ms. Read previously spent 10 years conducting testing in a regulatory lab.

Education

Bachelor of Science, Microbiology – Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR