

GARRETT YATES

Garrett Yates has been with BMI since 1993 where he has served clients, customers and students throughout the country. As Manager of the cross connection and backflow division of BMI, Garrett works in the office, classroom, workshop and out in the field. He keeps his field experience current by providing backflow assembly testing services, conducting field surveys, and managing cross connection control programs of all sizes for BMI clients in the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

Garrett delivers educational trainings for BMI and a variety of partner organizations. He also trains at seminars and conferences both locally and throughout the nation. His customer service skills and ability to present information have resulted in excellent pass rates for his students. Garrett is also called upon as a speaker, presenter and panel member. He was recently named the Subject Matter Expert on backflow at the Association of Boards of Certification 28th Annual conference.

EDUCATION

- Backflow Assembly Tester Certification, Oregon and Washington – BMI
- Cross Connection Specialist Certification, Oregon and Washington – BMI

CERTIFICATION

- Cross Connection Specialist and Instructor, Oregon and Washington
- Backflow Assembly Tester and Instructor, Oregon and Washington
- ABPA-Certified Backflow Assembly Tester
- ABPA-Certified Proctor for Backflow Assembly Testers
- Approved Test Gauge Calibrator, Oregon
- Labor & Industries Plumber Certification / Backflow Specialty License, Washington

PROJECTS

- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Indian Health Services
Garrett was responsible for the Safe Drinking Water Act and Cross Connection Control Program implementation on over 25 Native American Tribal lands in the Pacific Northwest. Some of these services included:
 - Writing sampling plans
 - Sample collection
 - Review of results
 - Addressing compliance issues
 - Emergency Response Planning
- Material Preparation and Trainings – Washington State (2002 - present)
BMI and Evergreen Rural Water of Washington have partnered to create presentations and trainings for over 25 different classes that serve to assist students in fulfilling their certification requirements.

PROJECTS, Continued

- **Material Preparation and Trainings – Idaho Department of Environmental Quality**
The State of Idaho, BMI, and Idaho Rural Water Association teamed up to prepare and present several different classes to assist operators in fulfilling their new certification requirements.
- **Material Preparation and Trainings – California (2010 – present)**
BMI teaches Backflow Assembly Tester Certification and Recertification classes, as well as Confined Space Entry Safety trainings through California Rural Water Association.
- **Native American Tribal Trainings – EPA**
BMI and ERWoW partnered to work with Native American Tribes throughout Region 10 on training, compiling and implementing Emergency Response Plans.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- “Face Time – A Skill Worth Learning”, *IAPMO Drinking Water & Backflow Prevention Magazine*, 2014

ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS

- American Backflow Prevention Association
- Oregon Chapter of the American Backflow Prevention Association; President 2001-2002
- Evergreen Rural Water of Washington
- Oregon Association of Water Utilities
- Pacific Northwest Section, American Water Works Association