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Since his appointment in 2000, Rick has focused on initiatives to improve environmental performance through efficiency and partnerships. Principal areas of focus have been streamlined regulatory processes, web-based business practices, market incentives and enhanced compliance tools. Rick served on Governor Leavitt's task force to write a new energy policy for Utah in 2001. He is also co-chair of the Initiatives Oversight Committee for the Western Regional Air Partnership.

Rick was previously manager of the Division's Planning Branch where he was responsible for preparations for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games. He was instrumental in development of the first Air Quality Plan ever written for an Olympic Games. Rick came to the Division in May 1994 as an environmental scientist in the Operating Permits Section and later served as Permitting Branch Manager.

Prior to working for the State of Utah, he was a career officer in the United States Air Force and served in a variety of aircraft maintenance-related assignments throughout the world. His final assignment was at Hill Air Force Base, Utah as Deputy Chief of the Science, Technology, and Environmental Services Division.

Rick has a Bachelor of Arts in chemistry from Grinnell College and a Masters of Environmental Management from Duke University.