

Nicole Rowan Bio

Nicole Rowan is the Director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Water Quality Control Division, where she leads a dedicated team of over 250 people whose focus is protecting and restoring Colorado's water quality for public health, the environment, and future generations. Under her leadership, the Division implements the Safe Drinking Water Act, Clean Water Act, and Colorado's Water Quality Control Act.

Drawing upon her extensive experience of nearly 30 years as an environmental engineer, both in the public and private sectors, Ms. Rowan has honed her expertise in ensuring the integrity of our water systems. Over the past ten years, she has served as the division's watershed section and clean water program manager. She has served in her current role since 2021. Additionally, Ms. Rowan enriched her professional journey with stints at CDM Smith and John Deere.

Nicole holds a bachelor's degree in biological systems engineering from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and she furthered her education by earning a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Colorado Denver.