

# Keith Starner

## Groundwater Technician

Keith Starner is a Groundwater Specialist with North Carolina Rural Water and is a North Carolina licensed Geologist. Keith served on active duty for six years with the military after graduation from Angier High School in 1974. He graduated from Campbell University in 1985 with a Bachelor's Degree, and began work with Research Triangle Institute, where he analyzed particulate matter with both standard and electron microscopes, and X-ray diffraction, until 1990. Keith continued analyzing air and water samples using electron microscopy at R.J. Lee Group. During the first Gulf War in 1991, he was activated for stateside duty with the North Carolina Army National Guard, and later worked as the Operations Officer for the National Guard's Counterdrug Task Force. In 1993 Mr. Starner began working for the Division of Environment and Natural Resources as a Hydrogeologist II in the Aquifer Protection Section, where he was responsible for non-discharge permit review and overseeing the cleanup of petroleum-contaminated sites. During this time, he took numerous graduate level geology courses at East Carolina University. Keith retired from the Army National Guard in 1999 after 24 years of service, at the rank Major. Mr. Starner began work with North Carolina Rural Water Association in August of 2000. Keith is married to Wendy Dunton Starner, and they have two children, Justin, born in 1988, and Ben, born in 2000.