## Biography: Jere "Trey" Hess

Jere "Trey" Hess, is Director of Brownfields and Economic Development for PPM Consultants, Inc. in the Jackson, Mississippi office. Prior to joining PPM in July 2016, Trey was the Chief of the Groundwater Assessment & Remediation Division (GARD) for the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and was responsible for the State cleanups at superfund, leaking underground storage tanks, brownfields, voluntary cleanups, and uncontrolled sites. Prior to his tenure as Division Chief, Trey served as the State Brownfield Program Coordinator for sixteen (16) years. One of the highlights of his 23-year career at MDEQ was serving as team leader, working in partnership with the City of Starkville, MDA, and Castle Properties on the \$40-million transformation and preservation of a former cotton mill and university physical plant into "The Mill at MSU" Conference Center and adjoining Marriott Courtyard Hotel in Starkville, Mississippi. He is a registered Professional Engineer and received a Bachelor's degree and an MBA from Mississippi State University; along with a Master degree in Environmental Engineering from the University of Mississippi.