



Meet Jim Fels

Jim Fels has over 25 years of diverse public and private sector experience. Over these years, Jim has excelled in various fields, such as geologic and hydrologic site characterization, contaminant migration and risk assessments. In addition, Jim has experience in environmental forensic investigations, surface geophysical investigations, water tracing, client development, and project management. Jim has published articles in international journals relating to contaminant migration in the Missouri Ozarks and given presentations of his work at international symposiums, national EPA conventions and state conferences. He has also been an expert witness relating to site characterization and contaminant migration at civil trials relating to environmentally impacted sites.



Jim was employed by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Geologic Survey Program for over 13 years where he was the chief of the Subsurface Investigations Unit. In this capacity he studied the soil, bedrock and groundwater from all across the State. He performed dye trace studies, geophysical surveys, drilled soil and bedrock borings, installed monitoring wells and prepared reports detailing all the data and interpretations from each site investigation.

Jim is currently Senior Geologist and Branch Manager for Sunbelt Environmental Services, Inc. The main office is located in Springfield, Mo. and Jim manages the branch office in Cape Girardeau, Mo. His responsibilities include business development, project management, site investigations, soil and groundwater remediation, and risk assessments as well as branch management administration.

Jim has participated in the Missouri Risk Based Corrective Action Guidance Document development as a stakeholder representing the Implementer Sector Representative, been nominated by State Senators and Representatives to serve on the Board of Geologist Registration, served as chairperson of the Phelps County Onsite Wastewater Review Board and currently serves as the AEG Chair of the St. Louis Section and Board of Directors.