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### Bio:

Jim is the State Geologist of Georgia and holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in physics and geophysical sciences from Georgia Tech and a Ph.D. in geology from Texas A&M where he did research on reclaimed lignite mines. As State Geologist, he has worked on the Coastal Sound Science Initiative to manage salt-water intrusion into the Upper Floridan aquifer, permitting of coastal groundwater supply wells, and the State Water Plan. He also has provided expert testimony at the Office of State Administrative Hearings in support of landfill, quarry, and water withdrawal permits issued by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division. Prior to joining the EPD, Dr. Kennedy worked as a consultant and conducted engineering geology, groundwater supply, and environmental remediation projects in various areas of the United States and Europe.