

C. James Kruse

Mr. Kruse is the Director of the Center for Ports and Waterways at the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI), as well as the National Ports & Harbors Specialist for the Sea Grant Program.

Mr. Kruse served in a senior executive capacity for nine years at the Port of Brownsville (1988-1997), Texas (eight years as port director). Following his service at the Port of Brownsville, Mr. Kruse worked as a Regional Program Manager for Foster Wheeler Environmental's Ports Harbors & Waterways Program and assisted on port-related projects around the country.

Mr. Kruse has acquired a strong transportation planning background, having served on numerous local, state, and national boards and task forces. He was an active participant in the development of long range plans for a seaport and airport in South Texas, he has worked on statewide issues in Texas, he has participated in border transportation organizations, and he has assisted ports from Corpus Christi to New York with planning and environmental issues. Mr. Kruse is bilingual (Spanish/English) and has worked on a number of projects in the Latin American region.

Active Memberships:

1. *Gulf Of Mexico Regional Panel on Aquatic Invasive Species, an Advisory Panel to the national Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force organized under the Non-Indigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990*
2. *Transportation Research Board Committee on Ports and Channels (AW010)*
3. *Harbors, Navigation and Environment Committee, American Association of Port Authorities*
4. *Board Member, National Waterways Conference*
5. *Cargo Handling Cooperative Program*
6. *Inland Waterway Intermodal Cooperative Program*
7. *Gulf Ports Association of the Americas*
8. *Texas Ports Association*