

# UT College of Engineering 2010 Distinguished Alumnus Mr. Peter F. Hess, BSME '72

Peter was instrumental in framing the federal emission offset program and is recognized as developing the nation's first emission banking program - the blueprint for the proposed carbon cap and trade program. Peter testified before the United States Senate Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on amendments to the Federal Clean Air Act and



emission trading. Peter is an author of thirty-one publications, including two sections in the reference book Air Pollution Engineering Manual, and participated in writing the California Clean Air Act. Recently, Peter participated with the Ruckelshaus Institute on the topic of environmental policy formulation and has lectured on the Kyoto Protocol at the University of California's Goldman School of Public Policy.

In 2006, Peter served as President of Air and Waste Management Association, a non-profit and non-partisan professional

organization that provides information exchange, professional development, networking opportunities, public education, and outreach to more than 8000 environmental professionals in 65 countries. Peter has also served as President of the California Air Pollution Control Officers



Association. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of California, a Diplomate of the American Academy of Environmental Engineers, a Qualified Environmental Professional, and a Fellow of the Air and Waste Management Association. He has worked at the Air Pollution Unit of Ohio Department of Health, Ohio EPA, and with the Toledo Blade.

Peter and his wife, Alison, live in Corte Madera, California, and have a home in the mountain town of Graeagle, California.