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Safety and Risk Assessment

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2012 – Present Unified Engineering, Inc. – Aurora, Illinois

2006 – 2012 Staff Consultant, Safety and Human Factors, Packer Engineering, Inc.

1995 - 2006 Staff Consultant, Machinery, Packer Engineering, Inc.

1985 - 1995 Senior Technologist, Materials, Packer Engineering, Inc.

1982 - 1985 Technologist, Materials, Packer Engineering, Inc.

Responsible for consultation in the areas of accident investigation and reconstruction, design review and evaluation, failure analysis, materials evaluation and application, and machinery and product testing. Specific areas of expertise include safety and industrial health, safety and quality audits, welding and joining, and nondestructive testing. Leads projects involving a broad range of products, equipment and structures such as machinery, buildings, cranes and lifting devices, railcars, process equipment, power tools, and guards. Has led and managed projects that required development of cookware testing and performance-based criteria including development of cookware standards used in industry. He testifies as an expert witness in personal injury and negligence cases.

Has been responsible for investigating and studying quality and safety issues for the petrochemical, power generation, structural, pulp and paper industries, machinery, hand tools, and consumer appliances. Has participated in many safety and health studies relating to product integrity, construction and process safety. Has specialized in the scientific investigation of cause and origin studies for fires and explosions, metallurgical investigations, plant and equipment life extension analysis and affirmative safety programs. He also has considerable experience with investigations of residential, industrial, and construction related accidents. Responsible for the development and implementation of testing programs to validate and refine project recommendations and conclusions. Worked with the Department of Energy in assessing the safety programs and management systems at National Laboratories.

Supervises, performs and consultation of in-field and laboratory quality and nondestructive testing on chemical and hydrocarbon processing equipment, digesters, deaerators, bridges, electrical systems, structures, storage tanks, piping systems, and electrical and industrial machinery. Has participated in the development and refinement of in-field metallographic examination techniques currently used in today's remaining life studies. Also responsible for the development and implementation of testing programs to validate and refine project recommendations and conclusions and routinely assesses Code and Regulation issues (i.e., ANSI, ASME, OSHA, CMA, etc.).

## **ACADEMIC**

- M.S. Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois - Engineering Technology (1994).  
Emphasis in Safety.
- B.S. Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois - Industrial Technology (1982)
- A.A.S. College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, Illinois - Drafting & Design (1980)

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

- Fault Tree Analysis (TapRoot®) (2000)
- Authorized OSHA Trainer for General Industry (OSHA 501).
- OSHA Scaffold User and Confined Space Courses.
- OSHA Construction Industry 10 hour card (OSHA 510).
- ASM/MEI Failure Analysis Course.

## **PROFESSIONAL LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS**

### **CERTIFICATIONS**

ASNT-TC-IA Level III Dye Penetrant  
ASNT-TC-IA Level III Magnetic Particle  
ASNT-TC-IA Level II Ultrasonics  
ASNT-TC-IA Level II Radiographic Interpretation  
AWS-QC-1 Certified Weld Inspector  
State of Illinois Department of Professional Regulation, PERC, P.I.

### **AFFILIATIONS**

American Society for Non-Destructive Testing  
American Society of Safety Engineers  
American Welding Society  
National Safety Council

## **PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **PUBLICATIONS**

1. D.R. Atkins, M.A. Urzendowski, R.W. Warke, Nondestructive Testing Handbook, Magnetic Testing, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Vol 6, "Discontinuities in Ferromagnetic Alloys," (1989).
2. C. Sease, L.S. Selwyn, S. Zubiata, D.F. Bowers, D.R. Atkins, "Problems with Coated Silver: Whisker Formation and Possible Filiform Corrosion," (1996).
3. D.G. Curry, R.D. Quinn, D.R. Atkins, and T.C.G. Carlson, "He was too experienced to have done something like that!," Professional Safety (September 2004).

4. D.R. Atkins, S. Kleven, I. Vasquez, "Calibration for Non-Destructive Testing," Materials Evaluation (October 2006)
5. D.R. Atkins, M.A. Urzendowski, R.W. Warke, Non-Destructive Testing Handbook, Magnetic Testing, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Vol 8, "Discontinuities in Ferromagnetic Alloys," (2009).
6. David R. Atkins, Michael A. Urzendowski, and Robert W. Warke, "Visual Tests of Steel," TNT, October 2010, Vol. 9, No. 4.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

1. Testing Technologies and Techniques, ASNT Chicago Section Technical Day, Lansing, Illinois (May 29, 1997).
2. "Practical Aspects of NDE Field Examinations," D.R. Atkins, D.A. Moore, R.J. Shipley, ASM Material Solutions 2003 Conference & Exposition, Pittsburgh, PA (October 14, 2003).

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **HONORS**

Chairman of the Chicago Section of the American Society for Non-Destructive Testing

#### **SPECIAL INTERESTS**

Wood Working, Cooking, Photography, Landscaping and Farming