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Professional Profile

Dr. Morse is a licensed professional mechanical engineer who specializes in failure analysis, failure prevention, and design risk assessment for thermal and flow processes, products, and equipment. His project experience includes turbines, compressors, engines, generators, valves, heat exchangers, boilers, furnaces, refrigeration systems, piping systems, heat transfer systems, flammable liquids, cryogenic liquids, consumer products, and medical devices.

Dr. Morse's expertise is used in a variety of litigation matters, and he has experience testifying at both trial and international arbitration. Dr. Morse also has experience with intellectual property matters involving mechanical engineering principles, including medical devices, consumer products, and industrial equipment.

Dr. Morse applies his expertise to the investigation and prevention of fires, explosions, floods, and equipment failures. He has conducted fire origin and cause investigations involving electrical appliances, electrical systems, consumer products, heating appliances, and other combustion equipment. Dr. Morse performs testing and analysis of HVAC systems and components, including the analysis of the production and spread of carbon monoxide. Dr. Morse also investigates the origin and cause of motor vehicle fires, including post-collision fires.

Dr. Morse has performed engineering analysis for the oil and gas industry, ranging from offshore oil and gas extraction facilities to retail motor fuel stations. Dr. Morse has investigated flow-induced vibration issues over a wide range of applications, including heat exchanger tube bundles, pipelines, and offshore structures.

Dr. Morse has extensive experience with power generation equipment and facilities, including nuclear power plants, fossil fuel power plants, and renewable energy. He has investigated failures in heat exchangers, generators, compressors, turbines, and boilers. In the renewable energy area, Dr. Morse has investigated wind turbine failures and wind turbine fires.

Prior to joining Exponent, Dr. Morse was a researcher in the Fluid Dynamics Research Laboratories at Cornell University where he conducted research on the wakes of stationary and oscillating structures in a flow and particularly on how flow-induced vibration due to vortex shedding causes fatigue and failure of structures.

Academic Credentials & Professional Honors

Ph.D., Mechanical Engineering, Cornell University, 2009

M.S., Mechanical Engineering, Cornell University, 2007

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B.E., Mechanical Engineering, Cooper Union, 2003

National Science Foundation Fellowship, 2004-2008

National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship, 2004-2007

Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society, 2002

Pi Tau Sigma Mechanical Engineering Honor Society, 2002

Licenses and Certifications

Professional Engineer Mechanical, California, #35464

Professional Engineer Mechanical, Florida, #83952

Professional Engineer, Kansas, #PE24740

Professional Engineer Chemical and Mechanical, New Hampshire, #13976

Professional Engineer, New York, #110148

Professional Engineer, Pennsylvania, #PE084735

Professional Engineer, Rhode Island, #PE.0011724

40-Hour Hazardous Waste Operation and Emergency Response Certification (HAZWOPER)

Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator (CFEI)

Professional Affiliations

American Society of Mechanical Engineers

American Clean Power Association

• Wind Technical Standards Committee Member

National Association of Fire Investigators

National Fire Protection Association

• Alternate Member: NFPA Technical Committee on Vehicular Alternative Fuel Systems (VAF-AAA), responsible for NFPA 52: Vehicular Natural Gas Fuel Systems Code.

• Alternate Member: NFPA Technical Committee on Liquified Petroleum Gases (LPG-AAA), responsible for NFPA 58: Liquified Petroleum Gas Code.

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Morse TL. Wind Turbine Fires and Fire Investigation. Onyx Insight Wind Turbine Technical Symposium. Golden, CO. September 2018.

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Morse TL, Sipe JE, Wright SA. Rooftop Solar Fire Investigation. International Symposium on Fire Investigation. Itasca, IL, September 2018.

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