

CURRICULUM VITAE

Kirk J. Staggs

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

84-Retired Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, CA

From 1981-1984 I worked as a contractor at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) employed by Butler Service Group out of Sunnyvale, California. Between 1984 and 2007 I worked as a Department of Energy (DOE) contractor employed by the University of California and from 2007 until I retired I worked as a DOE contractor for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories (LLNS).

Between 1981 and 2004 I conducted fire testing and safety analysis for various DOE programs. I conducted small and large-scale fire experiments to evaluate and determine the performance of materials, fire models, energized and un-energized electrical wires and cables, building and ventilation systems, and fire management systems (fire detectors, sprinkler systems, etc.). I also performed training of fire fighters and tested personal protection equipment. I have written operations procedures, operational safety procedures, facility safety procedures, national environmental protection act documents, project proposals, test plans, and reports.

From 1997 to 2006 I supported the Yucca Mountain Program, continued to conduct fire testing, and fire hazard analysis for nuclear weapon systems and DOE waste facilities. My duties associated with the Yucca Mountain Program involved the design, fabrication, and setup of materials testing and analysis related to the corrosion of various metal alloys. I provided similar support to the National Ignition Facility (NIF) laser program.

Between 2006 and 2010 I worked for the NIF project as an inspector for electrical assemblies, wire harness, electrical cables, and clean room certifications. I changed the NIF electrical standards for wire and cables from unique DOE specifications to industrial standards and specified electrical testing standards for cable and harness assemblies. I also perform inspection of large optics used in the NIF beam lines.

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I worked in the new car department as a utility/installer technician receiving and preparing new cars for delivery.

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U.S. Navy VFP-63 NAS Miramar, San Diego, CA; rating ADJ-2

My duties included the fueling and de-fueling, troubleshooting, inspection, adjustment, power turn-up, and scheduled and unscheduled maintenance of jet aircraft. I was a supervisor, training petty officer, safety petty officer, and ground turn-up NATOPS instructor.

EDUCATION

Certificate in Fire Protection Engineering from UC Davis, 1998

Chabot College, Hayward, CA; AA degrees in Electronic and Computer Technology, 1983

U.S. Navy, Millington, Tenn.; Aviation Machinist Mate Jet (A) School, 1974

Livermore High School, Livermore, CA; Graduated in 1973

CONSULTING WORK EXPERIENCE

81-Present Consultant, Livermore, CA

My consulting services involve all aspects of testing (designing, coordinating, fabricating, and operations) related to fire, explosions, and equipment performance and failure. I provide analysis of test and accident data in determining probable cause and origin of fire or explosion. In addition, I provide analysis in fire spread, damage patterns, material failure, equipment failure, and fire management systems. I also provide computer generated graphics of data (graphs, tables, etc.) and drawings for analysis, deposition, and court room presentations, and reports.

I have conducted inspections to determine the cause and origin of fires involving single and multiunit dwellings, commercial and industrial building and/or complexes, gas and electrically powered vehicles, and a private substation. I have also conducted fire inspections of domestic, commercial, and industrial electrical and/or electrical mechanical equipment and components.

I have studied and tested fire related events involving aircraft, automobiles, electrical equipment, batteries, wiring, buildings, building material, and propellants. I have worked on accidents involving fire, smoke, explosions, electrical arcing, electrical over-load, static discharge, welding, piloted ignitions, smoking materials, oxidizers, corrosion, and other nonspecific fire causes.

I have conducted compliance reviews to determine if electrical equipment, buildings, and systems are in compliance with various codes and standards.

I have given depositions and testimony related to the examination of evidence, experimental and testing, cause and origin of the fire, damage patterns, and equipment failure.

81-Present Depositions and Testimony Related to Consulting

- 1986 Rossmore v Club Car; Deposition, Walnut Creek CA
- 1994 Johnson v Sierra Spring; Deposition, Sacramento, CA
- 1997 Alan Bell v. Cacao; Deposition and Expert Testimony, San Jose, CA
- 2000 Safeco/George v. Hydro-Quip; Deposition, Sacramento, CA
- 2002 Lockheed Martin v. RFI Supply; Deposition, San Francisco, CA
- 2007 Travelers Property Casualty Insurance v. EZGO; Deposition, Santa Barbara, CA
- 2012 Fire Insurance Exchange, Et Al., vs Jalilie Electric, Et Al., Deposition, San Francisco, CA
- 2014 Aldrin Geronga, Et Al. vs Accubuilt Inc. Et Al., Deposition, Redwood City, CA
- 2014 Crusader Insurance Company vs Robert McGaha, Deposition and Expert testimony, Chico, CA
- 2014 FCA Case# 14-17028 Depo March 20th, 2014; Aldrin Geronga, et. al. vs. Accubuilt, inc. et. al. Deposition and Expert testimony, San Mateo County California
- 2015 FCA Case# 13-16498, Travelers Commercial Insurance vs. Flanders Heat & Air Systems, Trillo Plumbing & Heating, Deposition, Santa Clara County California
- 2019 FCA Case# 17-21649, CSAA Insurance Exchange (Algonda Noia and Linda Coblentz; trustee of Noia Kirkwood Trust) vs. Kirkwood Meadows Public Utility District, Deposition, Amador County California
- 2019 FCA Case#17-22779, Great American Insurance Company, vs. Meanwell Enterprises CO., LTD, Deposition and Expert testimony, Alameda County California
- 2021 FCA Case#17-22860 CSAA IE (Helstab) v. Subaru of America Inc., Deposition, Tuolumne County California
- 2022 FCA Case#22-30432 Devoreaha Smith, California resident, (Plaintiff), vs Willow Ridge v, LLC,; Building Services/ System Maintenance, Inc; BSM Inc dba BSM Facility Services Group; and DOES 1-100, Deposition, Alameda County California
- 2023 FCA Case#22-3125 State Farm v Lippert (Preece RV) Deposition, Boise Idaho
- 2024 People vs. James McClary/Layla Suggett (arson case) Expert Testimony, Solan County, California
- 2024 State Farm Insurance Company vs BMW of North America, LLC (Civil

Deposition) Feb. 26, 2025

PUBLICATIONS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

Norman Alvares, Harry Hasegawa, and Kirk Staggs, "Ignition, Heat Release Rate and Suppression of Elastomeric Materials," present at 6th International Symposium on Tunnel Safety & Security (ISTSS) 12-14 March, 2014 and published in the ISTSS 2014 Special Issue in Fire Technology.

N Alvares, K. Staggs, G Rein, "Investigation of a Fatal Fire in a Moving Vehicle," 5th International Seminar on Fire and Explosion Hazards, Edinburgh, Apr. 2007, pp. 800 -809.

S. Felker, P. Hailey, K. Staggs, T. Lian, and G.E. Gdowski "Alloy 22 Localized Corrosion Susceptibility in Aqueous Solutions of Chloride and Nitrate Salts of Sodium and Potassium at 110-150°C," UCRL-TR-218195, September 2006.

J. A. Rard, K. J. Staggs, S. D. Day, and S.A. Carroll, "Boiling Temperature and Reversed Deliquescence Relative Humidity Measurements for Mineral Assemblages in the NaCl + NaNO₃ + KNO₃ + Ca(NO₃)₂ + H₂O System," accepted for publication in the Journal of Solution Chemistry, August 2006.

Kirk J. Staggs, Norman J Alvares, Daniel W. Greenwood, "The Difference between Measured and Stored Minimum Ignition Energies of Dimethyl Sulfoxide Spray at Elevated Temperatures"; presented at the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Symposium on Thermal Measurements: The Foundation of Fire Standards, (December 3, 2001) and published in the ASTM STP 1427, "Thermal Measurements: The Foundation of Fire Standards," 2002

Kirk Staggs, Norman Alvares, Mark Newton, "Fire Risk Analysis for the NIF Capacitor Containment Design," Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, ICRL-ID-133180, (February 22, 1999)

K. J. Staggs, K. R. Wilson, D.P. Eadens, J. W. Stengel, Y. P. Chong, "Evaluation of Anti-Contamination Garments in Use at LLNL," Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, UCRL-ID-128830, (December 1997)

W. Bergman, K. Wilson, K. Staggs, D. Wapman, "Development of an Air Cleaning System for Dissolving High Explosives from Nuclear Warheads," Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, UCRL-JC-127216, (February 1997)

Howard Lambert, Kirk Staggs, Annette Macintyre, "Fire Risk Analysis of W79 HE Dissolution Workstation in Facility 12-98 Cell 2," Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, CA (1997)

W. Bergman, K. J. Staggs, D. E. Turner, D. W. Greenwood, P. D. Wapman "Spark Ignition Studies of DMSO/HE Sprays, Liquids and Aerosols in the W79 HE Dissolution Workstation, (November, 1996)

K. J. Staggs "Waste Storage Areas and Inventory Fire Tests," presented at Annual DOE FPE Contractors Conference, Gatlinburg TN, (April, 1995)

K. J. Staggs "55 Gallon Metal Waste Drum Testing," presented DOE Third Annual Occupational Safety and Health Conference, San Diego, CA, (October, 1994)

K. J. Staggs "55 Gallon Metal Waste Drum Testing," presented at Annual DOE FPE Contractors Conference, Albuquerque, NM, (April, 1994)

K. J. Staggs, H. K. Hasegawa, and S. M. Doughty, "Development of Flammable Liquid Storage Wooden Cabinets for Chemical Laboratories," Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, CA, UCRL-ID-115605, (1993)

H. K. Hasegawa, K. J. Staggs, and S. M. Doughty, "Fire Testing of 55 Gallon Metal Drums for Dry Waste Storage," Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, CA, UCRL-CR-115037, (1993)

H. K. Hasegawa and K. J. Staggs, "Large-Scale Tests to Evaluate the Effectiveness of Various Fire Suppression Agents on Burning Stacked Tires," (currently under review for publication), Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, CA (1993)

H. K. Hasegawa, K. J. Staggs, and S. M. Doughty, "Fire Tests to Evaluate the Potential Fire Threat and its Effects on HEPA Filter Integrity in Cell Ventilation at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory Building 7920," UCRL-CR-114339, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, CA (December 1992)

H. K. Hasegawa, K. J. Staggs, and S. M. Doughty, "Fire Tests of Wire and Cable for DOE Nuclear Facilities," UCRL-ID-110598, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, CA (September 1992)

A. C. Fernandez-Pello, H. K. Hasegawa, K. J. Staggs, A. E. Lipska-Quinn and N. J. Alavres, "A Study of the Fire Performance of Electrical Cables," Fire Safety Science-Proceedings Of The Third International Symposium, pp. 237-247

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