

Geoscience R&D Activities in Sandia National Laboratories

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Erik K. Webb

Dr. Erik K. Webb manages Sandia National Laboratories' Geoscience Research & Applications Group consisting of six departments implementing basic to applied research, implementing complex monitoring systems and for national security and energy development.

Erik has a PhD in hydrogeology with emphasis in applied mathematics from the University of Wisconsin, has worked on an array of earth science problems with commercial (UNOCAL) and US Government agencies (USGS, ORNL, DOE, NRC and the EPA).

Erik served a fellowship with the Japanese Atomic Energy Agency and helped co-author the year 2000 Report on High Level Waste to the Japanese Diet, oversaw hydrological research at Sandia National Laboratories, served two years as a Congressional Fellow on the Senate Energy Committee and three years on the personal staff of Senator Pete Domenici focusing on western water policy and energy issues.

Erik served as assistant to Sandia National Laboratories Chief of Staff, and as the SNL Government Relations manager for the nuclear weapons program through ratification of the third START treaty with Russia.



Moo Y. Lee

Dr. Moo Y. Lee is the manager of the Geomechanics Department, Sandia National Laboratories. He has over 30 years of experience in hydraulic fracturing in situ stress measurements and complex laboratory / numerical simulations of boreholes subjected to poly-axial stress conditions. He has been working on cross-cutting issues in geosciences and geoengineering related to basic energy sciences, nuclear waste disposal, geomaterial characterization, and underground storage of air/hydrocarbon.

He received the Applied Research Award from the US National Committee for Rock Mechanics in 1994 by conducting a laboratory simulation of the Borehole Breakouts in Underground Research Laboratory located in Canada. He also characterized and provided the crucial materials data for Columbia Investigation and received Lockheed Martin Nova award.

He received his B.S. degree in Mineral and Petroleum Engineering from the Seoul National University, Korea in 1980. After graduation, he came to the U.S. to begin his graduate studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he received his M.S. and Ph.D degrees in Mining Engineering specialized in Rock Mechanics and Statistics.



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Geoscience R&D Activities in Sandia

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- Digital Rock Physics for Experiments and Modeling of Fractured Porous Media
- Detection of Soluble Ligand-Tuned Molecular Tags for Subterranean Fluid Flow Monitoring Using Resonance Raman Spectroscopy
- Fundamental Study of Disposition and Release of Methane in Shale Gas Reservoirs
- Adaptive Self-Tuning of Seismic Sensors
- Underground Imaging with Muons

(II)

- Hydraulic Fracturing R&D at Sandia
- Water-free shale stimulation: Experimental Studies of Electrofracturing
- Shale Poromechanics: Heterogeneity, Flow, Failure, and Creep
- Real-Time Degassing of Rock during Deformation
- Methane Hydrate Formation on Clay Mineral Surfaces: Thermodynamic Stability and Heterogenous Nucleation Mechanisms