



**JOHN BERGELEEN, P.E., S.E.**  
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Mr. John Bergeleen is a Senior Staff Consultant at Engineering Systems Inc. (ESi) in the Civil and Structural Engineering Practice located in Albuquerque, NM. He is a licensed Structural Engineer in the states of Washington, California, and Illinois, and he is a licensed Civil Engineer in the states of New Mexico, Washington, and California. He has over 10 years of experience as a Structural Engineer. He specializes in the assessment, investigation, and code analysis of damaged or distressed structures, as well as development of repair designs, plans and specifications and the implementation of complex repair solutions. Mr. Bergeleen is also experienced in the design, implementation, and assessment of fall protection systems and in the investigation of construction accidents and recreational climbing accidents.

Mr. Bergeleen has a diverse background in structural design including new construction, retrofits, construction aids, damage assessments, and repair design in the healthcare, military, and industrial sectors, including high-seismic design, hurricane and coastal design, and design of structures in challenging mountainous conditions. He has performed condition and seismic evaluations of wood and steel structures, crane and crane runway assessments, damage assessments of steel and concrete silo structures, bridge inspections, and foundation settlement investigations. Having also been involved in the repairs of many of these issues, he is experienced with the detailing of repairs in unique and complex situations. He is highly skilled in the analysis of existing structures and the design of complex structural systems used in repairs and additions. Mr. Bergeleen has also completed the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Bridge Condition Inspection Training and has experience inspecting bridges.

Additionally, Mr. Bergeleen is a Certified Fall Protection Competent Person and has extensive experience in the design and implementation of fall protection systems for general industry and construction use, in Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) fall protection assessments, and in multi-disciplinary investigations of construction accidents. Mr. Bergeleen has extensive experience with and has instructed multiple courses in technical rock climbing and rope rescue courses. Mr. Bergeleen is a member of the ANSI A10 committee on construction safety as well as the ANSI Z359 committee on fall protection, contributing towards workplace safety.

### **Areas of Specialization**

Structural Repairs and Renovations  
Construction Defects  
Cranes and Aerial Devices  
Storm Damage Investigation  
OSHA Compliance and Fall Protection



## Education

B.S., Civil Engineering, Washington State University (WSU), Pullman, 2011

### Licensed Structural Engineer (S.E.)

State of Washington ..... License No. 55544

State of Illinois ..... License No. 081.008911

State of California ..... License No. 7229

### Licensed Professional Engineer (P.E.)

State of Washington ..... License No. 55544

State of New Mexico ..... License No. 28065

State of California ..... License No. 95014

## Previous Experience

Prior to joining ESi, Mr. Bergeleen worked as a Senior Structural Engineer at Coffman Engineers where he managed multi-disciplinary project teams for clients in the healthcare, government, military, industrial, construction, and alternative energy sectors. Additionally, he performed inspections and investigations of industrial equipment, damaged structures, construction defects, and fall protection systems in diverse facility types. During his time at Washington State University, he served as an undergraduate researcher and was responsible for the development and operation of a testing apparatus and procedure for compostable construction materials. He also led a team of students in designing and constructing a bridge in a remote community in El Salvador together with Engineers Without Borders and Bridges to Prosperity.

Prior to starting his engineering career and while completing his education, Mr. Bergeleen spent seven years working in the construction and facilities maintenance industries, starting as summer volunteer with Habitat for Humanity while in high school and continuing with seasonal and part-time jobs of varying size and complexity until the start of his full-time engineering career. This experience has given him valuable insight into practical construction techniques, common defects, and construction safety practices. In residential single- and multi-family construction, he has worked on concrete foundations, wood framing, exterior and interior finishing, and interior renovation and remodeling. In commercial construction, he has performed exterior concrete and paver work, metal stud framing, and interior finishing work.

## Professional Associations and Affiliations

Member, Structural Engineers Association of Washington (SEAW), 2013-Present

Member, Structural Engineers Association of New Mexico (SEANM), 2022-Present

Member, ANSI/ASSP A10 Committee Subgroup A10.32, Personal Fall Protection Systems Used in Construction and Demolition Operations, 2023-Present

Member, ANSI Z359 Committee Subgroup Z359.16, Safety Requirements for Climbing Ladder Fall Arrest Systems, 2023-Present

## **Academic Honors**

Crimson Regent Scholar, WSU

Graduated Summa Cum Laude, WSU

## **Languages**

Spanish (intermediate)

## **Professional Training and Education**

ACT 20/45 Post-Disaster Building Safety Evaluation Training, 2018

Confined Space Hazards, 2019

OSHA 30 Hour Outreach Training Program – Construction, 2022

ANSI A92 Aerial Lift Training, 2022

Fall Protection - Authorized Person, 2013 (Refresher 2022)

Fall Protection - Competent Person, 2023

FHWA Bridge Condition Inspection Training, 2019

## **Positions Held**

### **Engineering Systems Inc., Albuquerque, NM**

Senior Staff Consultant, 2022 – Present

### **Coffman Engineers Inc., Spokane, WA**

Senior Structural Engineer, 2013 – 2022

## **Teaching Experience**

Director, Spokane Mountaineers Mountaineering School, 2016-2021: Served as an instructor for technical climbing, mountain safety, and rope rescue courses.

## **Selected Project Experience**

### **Pipeline Compressor Stations Fall Protection Assessment**

Project Manager and lead investigator performing an assessment and remediation of fall protection hazards in gas pipeline compressor stations in Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. Performed on-site inspections at each facility assessing the ladders, platforms, and elevated work areas for fall hazard mitigation compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations. Documented instances of non-compliance, created as-built documents for the non-compliant situations, and provided equipment recommendations and designs for new platforms, guardrail systems, tie-off points, and other

solutions to mitigate fall hazards. Worked with product manufacturers, on-site operators, and state OSHA representatives to provide safe and economical solutions.

### **Crane Runway Evaluations**

Project Manager and lead investigator for the condition assessment, as-built documentation, analysis, and reinforcement design of several crane runways at an aluminum production facility in Washington State that was constructed in the 1940s. Hazards identified included cracks in the steel beams and columns, cracked welds, broken rivets and bolts, and structural elements, which were loaded significantly above their allowable capacities. The analysis and design were completed following the Crane Manufacturers Association of America (CMAA) 70 specification for multiple girder cranes and American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Design Guide 7: Industrial Building Design.

### **U.S. Air Force Base Building Evaluation and Upgrade**

Engineering Lead for an evaluation of an existing wood-framed structure at a U.S. Air Force Base to determine if the structure was safe under wind, snow, and seismic loading and met the standards for conversion to a recreation center from its original use as a warehouse. An inspection of the structure was conducted, documenting the condition and as-built layout and sizing of structural elements. Analysis was performed in accordance with the International Existing Building Code and the ASCE 41 Seismic Evaluation and Retrofit of Existing Buildings, including 3D modelling of roof trusses and a tier 2 seismic evaluation of the roof diaphragm and shear walls. Based on the analysis, it was determined that the building was not safe to occupy, and it was subsequently demolished. Upon locating a different building for the recreation center, inspection, analysis, and design were performed to upgrade the main entryway of the building based on Anti-Terrorism Force Protection (ATFP) blast loading requirements.

### **Cement Mixer Structure Inspection**

Lead investigator performing an inspection of the steel support structure for a cement silo, mixer, and associated conveyors at a facility in Washington State. The mixer had been in service for over 40 years and the facility was intended to be kept in service for an additional five years. Deterioration identified included spalled concrete and exposed, corroded reinforcement in the concrete column piers, corroded gusset plates with significant steel section loss, localized corrosion of the beams and columns with significant steel section loss, and extensive corrosion and steel section loss in the maintenance platform support beams and grating. Repairs designed and implemented included encasement of the concrete piers, reinforcing plates welded to the beams and columns to bypass compromised sections, and replacement of the maintenance platform with new steel structure.

### **Sodium Chlorite Facility Silo Addition**

Project Manager and lead investigator for inspection and design associated with the installation of a new silo and product bagging machinery within a highly corrosive environment in a manufacturing facility in Washington State. On-site inspections were performed to assess the building structure and building envelope around the addition and document compromised elements. New concrete and steel structural elements were designed to accommodate the weight of the silo and configuration of the existing and new equipment. The new structural elements were designed to complement the lateral and gravity force-resisting systems of the existing plant, and replacements and reinforcements were designed to bring the compromised structural elements into a safe condition. Three-dimensional (3D) scanning and 3D modelling of structural and mechanical components were utilized to incorporate new elements into the congested facility and

enable a short construction window. Analysis was performed in accordance with the International Existing Building Code and ASCE Design Guide 7: Industrial Building Design.

### **Residence settling and underpinning**

Lead investigator for the inspection of a residence in Washington State that was constructed on a hillside and experiencing settlement and exhibiting foundation cracks, drywall cracks, and door opening issues. On-site inspections were performed to determine the extent of damage and possible causes, including a leaking water line found on the house exterior and poor compaction of the soil slope beneath the house foundation. Design of new structural elements included helical piers along with their connections to the concrete foundation and continuity walers installed to prevent further cracking and differential movement of the foundation.

### **Hospital Retrofits and Additions**

Project manager and lead investigator for several phases of additions and renovations to a hospital in North Idaho. The existing structure consisted of wood, concrete, steel, and masonry materials constructed in phases over a period of 60 years. Inspections were performed to assess the condition and configuration of existing building structure in areas that were to be modified for feasibility of incorporation of new structural elements and required repairs and seismic retrofits. Repair details, ductile seismic connection details, and new structure design drawings were developed to interact with and tie in with the existing hospital structure. Design was completed in accordance with the International Building Code, International Existing Building Code, and appropriate ASCE and material-specific codes.

### **Waste-to-Energy Facility Ash House Inspection**

Lead investigator performing an inspection of the steel and concrete structure of the ash handling building of a waste-to-energy facility in Washington State. Due to the chemicals used, the age of the structure, and the compromised waterproofing of the roof structure, steel elements exhibited high levels of corrosion with areas of significant section loss and compromised structural integrity. In addition, concrete foundations and supporting walls and piers of the conveyors and separating equipment in the facility exhibited spalling, delamination, and areas of exposed, highly corroded reinforcement. Designed and implemented emergency repairs for several of the critically deteriorated elements of the building and equipment support structures, and provided conceptual overall remediation and maintenance recommendations, as well as comprehensive reporting of the condition of the structures.

### **Parking Structure Inspection and Replacement**

Project manager and lead investigator for inspection and partial replacement of a single-story parking structure in Washington State. The parking structure consisted of a concrete parking deck supported by steel and concrete beams and columns built over the side of a steep hill. A condition inspection of the structure was performed and significant deterioration of the concrete beams, columns, deck, and retaining walls was found and documented. Upon determination that partial replacement would be the appropriate course of action for the parking structure, further inspections were performed to document as-built dimensions and detailing for design of the replacement. Several design alternatives were coordinated with the owner, installing contractor, and product suppliers to determine a cost-effective and safe approach to partial replacement of the structure. Upon selection of an approach, detailed design was completed, and close coordination kept with the contractor through demolition and construction to ensure a safe construction process and to address unforeseen conditions found during exploratory demolition.