

Nigel Skermer

Nigel Skermer is a consulting engineer specializing in geotechnics. He has over fifty years experience mainly in western North America. He works on landslides and slope stability in general, mainly on issues being to do with mining and forestry operations. He sits on a number of review boards for mine tailings dams in BC, and has in the past worked on similar projects in Montana, New Mexico and Alaska. Prior experience on large earth dams has caused him to reflect on the differences in design and construction between dams for water supply and hydro work, and those resulting from the disposal of both coarse and fine waste products from mining operations. He is interested in the factors in the design and the construction and management operations. He has no magic bullet to offer, but would like to point some similarities between natural landslide processes and those in ground conditions at a number of mine sites. Currently he is working on the Oso landslide in 2014 in Washington State which resulted in the largest death toll from a landslide in US experience.

He is also a partner in a small industrial mining operation in the southern interior... Pacific Bentonite Limited.