

Hello and good afternoon NHERI GSC,

Thank you to all who attended our August General Meeting on August 18, 2023. During our meeting, we heard from Dr. Sumeet Kumar Sinha, Assistant Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, who shared his presentation on Liquefaction-Induced Downdrag on Axially Loaded Piles.

Below you will find the minutes from today's session:

- **Announcements**

- Welcome to all new NHERI GSC members!

- **Events and Activities:**

- **NHERI User Forum Survey:** During today's meeting, we heard from Maggie Leon-Corwin about the NHERI User Forum Survey that seeks to understand user satisfaction with NHERI services. As Maggie shared, the feedback of graduate students is very important to NHERI. Please take a moment to provide your feedback on NHERI services and user experiences that you have encountered in the last year. [Use this link to access the survey](#). The survey takes between 8 to 10 minutes to complete.
- **NHERI Executive Committee Meeting:** September 1st from 11am - 12pm (CT) on Zoom. *The Executive Committee Meeting is required for Executive Committee members; GSC members are invited to attend.*
- **Invite Your Peers to NHERI GSC!** Do you know other students who study natural hazards? If so, invite them to join NHERI GSC today! We have attached a flyer that you can share with your department and/or directly with interested students. Questions? Contact Julie Elliott at jhe@udel.edu.

- **NHERI GSC September General Meeting:** September 15th from 11am - 12 pm (CT) on Zoom.
- **NHERI GSC NSF Proposal:** NHERI GSC is applying for funding through the National Science Foundation. If you are interested in getting involved in the proposal writing process, please contact Eliot Nichols at enichols9@gatech.edu or Nurullah Bektas at nurullahbektas@hotmail.com.
- **Get involved:**
 - To view a calendar of events, please visit the [Events page](#) of the NHERI GSC website.
 - *If you are interested in any of the working groups and getting involved with one please reach out to the Chair or Vice-Chair of those groups, all of which are listed in the table at the bottom of this email.*
- **NHERI GSC Website:** For more information on events, initiatives, and important resources related to NHERI GSC. Visit this page: www.designsafe-ci.org/learning-center/nheri-graduate-student-council.
- **Today's Speaker:** Dr. Sumeet Kumar Sinha, Assistant Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, shared his interesting presentation on Liquefaction-Induced Downdrag on Axially Loaded Piles. Thank you, Dr. Sinha, for the engaging presentation! A recording of Dr. Sinha's talk will be available on [NHERI ECO YouTube Channel](#). You may connect with Dr. Sinha via email at sksinha@civil.iitd.ac.in.
- **Welcome to New Members!**
 - Aaron Dewar
 - Mojtaba Harari
 - Dikshita Nath
 - Nitin Tiwari
 - Md Asad Ahmad
 - Darshan Pokharel
 - Keely Patelski

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Thank you all for your time and attention. Have a great weekend!

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Olaniyi Diran Afolayan
Tay Heath
Victor Semenu's iPhone
Summit Kumar Sinha
Richard Campos
Mikias (mgw285)
Jasmine Bekkaye
Maggie Leon-Corwin
Jordan Nakayama
Morufu Olalekan's OtterPilot
Esteban Villalobos Vega
Margaret (Maggie) Webb
Keely Patelski
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Connor Pezeshk
Harman Singh
Elliot Nichols
Nurullah Bektas
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Nilima
Peter
Zane Hallowell Schemmer
Rajendra Gautam
Jenny Russell
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Emmaleah
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Asad Ahmad

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Matthew's Phone
Tay's Android
Daniel Adeleke
Asad
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