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EDUCATION

B. S. in Chemical Engineering, Case Western Reserve University, Summa cum Laude, 1975
Ph. D. in Chemical Engineering, Princeton University, 1982
Business Practices for Japanese Clients, SRI International, 1995

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

7/97 – Present	Niksa Energy Associates LLC, Founder and President
9/92 – 7/97	SRI International, Program Manager of the Energy Group
9/85 - 9/92	Stanford University, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering
1/82 - 9/85	Sandia National Laboratories, Livermore, Member of Technical Staff in the Combustion Research Facility
3/80 - 12/81	Princeton University, Research Associate in the Department of Chemical Engineering

HONORS

Who's Who in the World, 21st Edition, 2003
Who's Who in America, 49th Edition, 1995
Who's Who in Science and Engineering, 2nd Edition, 1993 through 6th Edition, 2002
Sigma Xi, 1989
Carl F. Prutton Prize in Applied Chemistry (CWRU Commencement)
C. Reinberger Merit Scholarship, 1975
American Chemical Society Student Prize, 1975

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

The Combustion Institute
American Institute of Chemical Engineers
American Chemical Society
American Society of Mechanical Engineers
Air & Waste Management Association

PERSONAL

Married with three grown children

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Dr. Niksa is recognized throughout the world as the author of over 260 technical papers on the mechanisms of air pollutant formation and control, including over 100 in the archival literature; monographs entitled "*Coal Combustion Modelling*" and "*Fundamentals of Coal Combustion*" published by IEA Coal Research; two books entitled, "*Process Chemistry of Coal Utilization: Impacts of Coal Quality and Operating Conditions*" and "*Process Chemistry of Coal Utilization: Chemistry Toolkit for Furnaces and Gasifiers*" published by Elsevier; and a book chapter entitled, "Predicting Hg Emissions Rates With Device-Level Models and Reaction Mechanisms." One long-standing interest has been the release of NO_x, particulates, and polynuclear aromatic compounds during pulverized fuel combustion. His reaction mechanisms for coal devolatilization, called FLASHCHAIN®, spawned a predictive capability for NO_x and LOI emissions from full-scale, coal-fired utility boilers that was distributed to over 80 American utility companies. Another package called PC Coal Lab® is used to assign fuel conversion kinetics by about four dozen utility OEMs in the USA, Canada, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, China, UK, Europe, South Africa, and India. Custom software applications based on PC Coal Lab® are used at utility OEMs in the USA and Japan. Dr. Niksa's second main interest has been transformations in combustors of minerals, alkali compounds, and trace metals. He formulated the most comprehensive mechanism to predict Hg and Se emissions from coal-fired gas cleaning systems, and developed it into a commercial software package called MercuRator™ that was installed at six American and Japanese utility services companies. A second Hg emissions predictor called the iPOG™ is distributed worldwide by the United Nations Environment Programme. He has also developed packages to predict alkali vapor emissions from pressurized fluidized bed combustors, and corrosion potentials due to alkali chlorides in slags. A third interest has been catalyst deactivation during hydrothermal treatment of residual petroleum fractions, and during flue gas cleaning in utility SCRs. A fourth has been catalysis for combustion, including predictive mechanisms for multipollutant (NO_X, SO_2, Hg^0) conversion across SCR catalysts, the thermal and chemical behavior of catalytic converters, and thermal shock issues in catalytic combustors for natural gas.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Niksa is President and founder of Niksa Energy Associates LLC. This consulting and software business serves major technology developers in the U.S. and Japan. At SRI International, Dr. Niksa created a $500,000 per year business based on R&D testing on pyrolysis and combustion of fossil fuels, fuel-nitrogen conversion, pollutant formation, gasification mechanisms, alkali transformations, ionization intensities, and thermal shock. He also directed a $200,000 per year business based on software products for the coal-burning utilities, and negotiated royalty-bearing license agreements. He was the manager of the Energy Group in the Chemistry and Chemical Engineering Laboratory, responsible for staffing decisions and evaluations. At Stanford he oversaw a group of 15 graduate students in mechanical engr., including 5 who finished with Ph.D.'s and 2 with Engineer's Degrees.

TEACHING AND COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Niksa regularly reports his research findings at major technical conferences around the world. While a member of Stanford's Mechanical Engineering Department, he taught graduate courses in Radiation Heat Transfer; Combustion and Pollution; Physical Gas Dynamics; Introduction to Heat Transfer; Advanced Combustion; Analysis and Solution of Partial Differential Equations; and Spectroscopy Lab, FTIR Section.

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RELEVANT EXPERTISE

From 1998 through 2016, NEA performed sponsored research in excess of $3,000,000 to develop and validate detailed chemical reaction mechanisms to predict the partitioning of mercury (Hg) along coal-fired utility gas cleaning systems. These mechanisms accurately describe the fate of Hg as flue gas moves through economizers, SCR units, air preheaters, ESPs and fabric filters, and FGD scrubbers in utility power plants. They also accurately predict Hg capture efficiencies for bromine and chlorine additives, activated carbon injection, and the full domain of gas cleaning conditions. The predictions have been validated with measured Hg speciation from over 200 field tests at commercial power plants, including several in China, Russia, South Africa, Vietnam, Indonesia, and Japan.

This work is documented in the attached listing of 44 technical publications, which include 6 on the impact of bromine addition and 7 on activated carbon injection. NEA's reaction mechanism for bromine/chlorine/Hg chemistry is regarded worldwide as the best-in-class. Collectively, NEA's publications on Hg control have been cited more than 1000 times. NEA's research also spawned three patent applications, one of which was awarded to Dr. Niksa and Breen Energy Solutions (Dry adsorption of oxidized mercury in flue gas, No. 7,288,233). The work also spawned two software packages. MercuRator™ was licensed by NEA to six utility equipment suppliers in the US and Japan, and iPOG™ has been distributed by the UN Environment Programme to hundreds of users worldwide. Dr. Niksa has also served as an expert witness on five cases of patent infringement involving Hg control with bromine and activated carbon at coal-fired power stations, one of which went to trial. He has been deposed twice.

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