

**KURT E. GLEASON  
EXPLOSIVE ENGINEERING  
MINING & CONSTRUCTION BLASTING EXPERT  
ROCK MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC  
March 2, 2026**

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**PROFESSION:** Mining/Construction Blasting; Explosive Engineering;  
Blasting Consulting; Claims Investigation; Expert Witness

**EDUCATION:** BS Construction Engineering (Civil) 1985, Purdue University  
Associates in Applied Science Building Construction Technology  
1983, Purdue University

**LICENSES/PERMITS:** FEL License Number (18 U.S.C. Chapter 40) 4-IN-061-33-0C-00812  
IN Regulated Explosive Use - Operator PSID # 8186-6097 (retired)  
IN Regulated Explosive Use - Blaster PSID # 8186-6097 (retired)  
DMRE Explosives and Blasting Branch - KY Blasters License #9869 (retired)

**CERTIFICATION:** MSHA Miner ID: MIIN – M70515220  
Office of Surface Mining Blaster Certificate# OSM-942-0066 (retired)  
IN Dept. of Natural Resources Certification #660 (retired)  
Seismograph Operation Certification - Nomis Digital Seismographs  
E.I.T. Certification, Indiana No. 86850

**EXPLOSIVE FIELDS  
OF EXPERIENCE:** Multi-disciplined including surface, underground and under water  
blasting; Controlled blasting techniques including Line drilling,  
pre-splitting and cushion blasting; Specific blasting experience  
including non-metal/coal surface mining, highway construction,  
municipal projects, commercial and private development site work,  
“close-in” urban blasting, structural demolition, shaft sinking,  
tunnel and trench blasting.

**SPECIALIZED  
SKILLS:** Rotary-percussion track drill operation; Electric / non-electric  
detonation systems and sequential blasting techniques; Blasting  
plan preparation and implementation; Blast design optimization and  
peak particle velocity prediction; Post blast particle velocity and air-  
over-pressure analysis; Blasting claim investigation and mediation.

**LITIGATIVE  
SUPPORT:** Expert witness litigation support and testimony involving subrogation  
actions, binding arbitration, blasting damage (due to transient  
vibration and flyrock), bodily injury and fatalities.

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**RELATED EXPERIENCE:**     **2006 to Present - Blasting Consultant, Commercial Blasting Expert, Expert Witness**  
 Rock Management Services, LLC (Ramsey, IN) - Blasting Consulting experience includes quantity surveys and final quantity verification; blast plan preparation/presentation; blast design/blast optimization; vibration & air overpressure analysis; blasting claim investigations; blaster training and blast site management. Commercial Blasting experience includes controlled blasting for commercial construction operations; lift blasting for pit excavation; establishment of non-metal surface mining operations; provision of quarry blasting services. Litigation experience includes commercial blasting disputes; surety bond related actions; subrogation claims; binding arbitration; damage, injury and fatality related actions. Additional experience includes deposition; forensic analysis of blasting data during discovery; rendering of expert opinions; and trial testimony.

Blasting Claims Investigation and/or Litigative support services have been provided for cases in the following States:

Alabama	New York
Arizona	Ohio
California	Pennsylvania
Florida	Rhode Island
Georgia	Tennessee
Idaho	Vermont
Indiana	Virginia
Iowa	West Virginia
Kentucky	Washington
Missouri	

**2003 to 2010 - Vice President, Operations/ Manager of Projects, Impact Drilling & Blasting, Inc. (Charlestown, IN) - Responsible for all estimating, bidding and management of mining and commercial blasting services. Projects types included non-metal surface mining, highway, municipal, institutional and private development.**

**2000 to 2003 - Explosive Engineer, HTA Enterprises, Inc. (Louisville, KY) Responsible for estimating, bidding and execution of projects involving “Precision Blasting”; specialized blasting projects perform in close proximity (less than 25’) to existing structures. Resume submitted and accepted by the Corps of Engineer, as Blaster-in Charge, for the “Lock Replacement Project” at the McAlpine Lock & Dam in Louisville, KY.**

**1996 to 2000 - General Blasting Superintendent/ Estimator Impact Drilling & Blasting, Inc. (Charlestown, IN) - Responsible for estimating, bidding and on-site field supervision of projects involving mining and commercial blasting services. Projects included highway construction, non-metal surface mining, private developments and site utility trench blasting.**

**1982 - (Summer Co-op) Laborer, Affholder, Inc. (Bessemer, AL), Responsibilities included jack-leg drill operation, coating and installation of liner plates and other duties associated with the drilling, blasting and lining of a 96” diameter tunnel.**

**1981 - (Summer Co-op) Equipment Operator/ Driller/ Powderman, Flynn Contracting (Jasper, IN), Responsibilities included drill operation and loading of explosives; excavating and spoiling of blasted overburden; mining, crushing and load out of the extracted coal seam.**

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**1979 to 1980 - Driller/ Powderman, Croker-Gleason, Inc. (Louisville, KY), Responsibilities included drilling, loading and detonation of explosives. Member of the blasting crew. Projects included blasting for the construction of an earth core dam and associated spillway - Bear Grass Creek Flood Mitigation Project.**

**1972 to 1978 - Driller/ Powderman, Blasting Supplies, Inc. (Georgetown, IN), Part-time employment in the family business with responsibilities including assisting with explosive deliveries, explosive inventorying, drill operation and shot service on non-metal mining and commercial blasting operations.**

**OTHER EXPERIENCE:**

**1992 to 1996 - Project Manager/ Estimator, H&H Systems and Design, Inc. (New Albany, IN), Responsible for estimating, bidding and managing projects involving the installation of medical diagnostic equipment (i.e., MRI, CT Scanners, X-Ray), in conjunction with the renovation of the associated medical facility, at multiple sites nationally.**

**1986 to 1992 - Cost Engineer/Project Controls/Construction Manager, Chemical & Industrial Engineering, Inc. (Louisville, KY), Responsible for estimating and scheduling of engineering, procurement and construction management services for Petrochemical and Food Processing design/build projects.**

**1983 to 1986 - Teaching Assistant, Purdue University (West Lafayette, IN), Classroom monitoring of concrete formwork static and dynamic design instruction, grading of assignments, testing and tutoring services.**

**1984 - (Summer Co-op) Assistant Construction Inspector, Grissom AFB Peru, IN U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Louisville District), Responsibilities included daily on-site inspections, of multiple construction projects, to assure adherence to approved submittals and contract specifications.**

**1983 - (Summer Co-op) Project Engineer, Affholder, Inc. (Chesterfield, MO), Responsibilities included the inspection of sewer systems, including manhole invert elevation verification, prior to relining (insitu-form).**

**PAST AND PRESENT  
SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS:**

**International Society of Explosive Engineers - Member # 9900001  
American Association of Cost Engineers**

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**PROFFESIONAL  
ACTIVITIES:**

**March 2023 – Approved as an instructor for Kentucky blaster retraining and initial training.**

**December 2018 – Presenter at the 45<sup>th</sup> annual Kentucky Blasting Conference. The topic was “Flyrock – Damage, Injuries and Fatalities”.**

**December 2015 – Presenter at the Indiana Society of Mining and Reclamation Blaster Retraining Workshop**

**December 2011 – Presenter at Kentuckiana Seismic and Survey, Inc., providing instruction on field procedures and documentation standards required to prepare quality pre-blast survey reports**

**January 2009 – Presenter for the topic of explosive safety during the MSHA Part 46 retraining of non-metal mining personnel in Harrison Co., IN**

**December 2008 – Presenter at the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Kentucky Blasting Conference. The topic was “Establishing a Safe Blast Site”.**

**January 2008 – Instructor Certification from the Kentucky Division of Explosives and Blasting.**

**June 2002 – Successful completion of the Corps of Engineers training course “Construction Quality Management for Contractors Certification”.**

**February 2001 – Successful completion of training for the use of Quest Estimating digitizing software.**

**March 2000 – Successful completion of the operational training course for Nomis digital seismographs.**

**September 1995 – Guest lecturer for the incoming Building Construction Technology freshman class at Purdue University.**

**July 1990 – Successfully completed the PMCI training program, in planning and controlling projects, using Primavera project management software.**

**May 1989 – Successfully completed the International School of Construction Estimating course in construction cost estimating.**

**REFERENCES:**

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