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Dr. Beckhaus will discuss the use of mix-in place and cutter soil mixing techniques for constructing excavation walls and seepage barriers. His presentation will include several case histories, which illustrate these new construction techniques and important aspects of the design and execution of mix-in place and soil mixing techniques.

Dr. Beckhaus will discuss the use of deep plastic concrete for dam and levee seepage cut-off walls. His presentation will include several case histories, e.g., Peribonka Dam in Quebec, Canada, Herbert Hoover Dike in Florida, and Center Hill Dam in Tennessee, and important aspects of the design and execution of deep plastic concrete cut-off walls.