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## **Canadian Engineering Expert Speaks About World Trade Centre Investigation**

**Edmonton-** The only engineering expert from outside of the U.S. to sit on the World Trade Centre Expert Team, Dr. Venkatesh Kodur, speaks on Thursday, May 30, at 6 p.m. at the Westin Hotel.

The Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA), The Canadian Society for Civil Engineering, Edmonton & Northern Alberta Section and Edmonton Society of Structural Engineers partnered to bring Dr. Venkatesh Kodur, P.Eng. a leading expert in the areas of fire resistance and the effect of fire on building materials.

“Dr. Kodur is a Canadian, and the only non-American invited to join the highest profile and biggest building investigation ever,” says Shiraz Kanji, P.Eng., chair of APEGGA Edmonton District Committee. “This is an opportunity to not only hear about the investigation, but also Dr. Kodur’s first-hand experiences at ground zero.”

Dr. Kodur, P.Eng., a civil engineer and research officer at the National Research Council, will present, to a pre-registered audience, an overview of the building performance investigation, features and infrastructure of the WTC and surrounding buildings, overall damage to the buildings, and rescue and recovery operations.

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