Civil Engineers learn a lot more from failures than from successes. Dr. David Elton will describe and discuss a series of geotechnical engineering failures. Each failure discussion will end with a list of "lessons learned," so that future engineers won't make the same mistakes themselves. The thesis of the seminar is based on John Luther's note "Learn from the Mistakes of Others - you'll never have time enough to make them all yourself". The seminar is expected to be humorous, and instructive. All are invited.