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Social, Economic and Environmental Challenges: Meeting Peoples' Needs in the 21st Century

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In the last half century, society has dramatically changed its outlook with respect to the use of the planet earth and its limited resources. This outlook is not viewed from the same perspective by all, and there exists a terse debate over what actions we should take to counter the imbalances we face. The Engineer is in the important position of being able to be a significant contributor with respect to protecting the earth, but more importantly, human inhabitation. This lecture looks briefly at our history, at the response of our environment to stressors, at the public response to negative environmental changes, and at government's reactions to protect the environment.

Biographical Sketch:

Ronald J. Klinczar, P.E. has spent his entire thirty-two year career as a Consulting Engineer, serving in the roles of Design Professional, Project Manager, Managing Engineer, and Project Director. He has directed significant transportation projects involving diversified challenges and requiring multi-disciplined design integration. After stints designing combined sewer overflow improvement projects and hydropower projects he developed his skills as a transportation design engineer. His early work on traditional bridge and highway design projects expanded into expressway design, canal design, airport design, and transportation planning. Entwined in this road was a common thread...a passion for advancing environmentally balanced designs.

Mr. Klinczar graduated from the University of Buffalo with a B.S in Civil Engineering, and completed Masters Coursework in Business. He is Past President of the Association of Bridge Construction and Design, WNY Chapter. He is an active member of the Western New York Southtowns Scenic Byway Committee.

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