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PRESENTATION

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Title : **Retaining Wall Failures and How to Avoid Them**

Speaker : [Jim Dutton](#) w/ [Du-West Foundation Repair](#)

Jim Dutton is Vice President of Du-West Services, Inc. Mr. Dutton has over 42 years experience in the construction industry, of which the last 37 years have been endeared to foundation repair, plumbing and HVAC in the State of Texas. He is a past FPA Board Member and past FPA Structural Committee member where he has co-authored some of its peer-reviewed publications. He has served many years as president of the Foundation Repair Association, both in several Texas chapters and at the national level. Since 2004, Mr. Dutton has been a syndicated host of Texas Home Improvement heard on several radio stations throughout the State of Texas.

ABSTRACT : Retaining walls are structures designed to hold back soil. We see retaining walls everywhere, even in Houston where the topography is fairly flat. But why do we see retaining walls that have failed and what can we do to keep from having these failures? Mr. Dutton will share his company's experience in repairing failed retaining walls, showing why they commonly fail, how to repair them and what can be done to avoid future failures. Several failure repair case histories will also be presented.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Geotechnical engineers, structural engineers, highway engineers, retaining wall designers and contractors, construction and repair contractors, attorneys, and others interested in the repair of failed retaining walls.