

## VITA

David Wayne Mokarem was born on November 7, 1963 in Amarillo, Texas to Adel O. and Virginia A. Mokarem. He received a Bachelors degree in Business Management from East Tennessee State University in May 1987. He then worked for five years in Blacksburg, Virginia and Atlanta, Georgia in both the insurance and medical industries. In 1992, he returned to school. He received a Bachelors degree in Civil Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in May 1996. In June 1996, he started work on his Masters degree at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. During this time he spent six months in Boston, Massachusetts working as a Summer Research Intern with W.R. Grace. This internship included research on the testing of shrinkage and creep of portland cement concrete. He expects to receive his Masters degree in May 1999, he will then pursue a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering.