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## PART II

### Code of Ethics

#### PREAMBLE

Professional Engineers and Professional Geoscientists shall recognize that professional ethics are founded upon integrity, competence, devotion to service, and to advancement of human welfare. These concepts shall guide their conduct at all times. In this way, each professional's actions will enhance the dignity and status of the professions.

Professional Engineers and Professional Geoscientists, through their practice, are charged with extending public understanding of the professions and should even serve in public affairs when their professional knowledge may be of benefit to the public.

Professional Engineers and Professional Geoscientists will build their reputations on the basis of merit of their services, and shall not compete unfairly with others or compete primarily on the basis of fees without due consideration of other factors.

Professional Engineers and Professional Geoscientists will maintain a special obligation to demonstrate understanding, professionalism, and technical expertise to members-in-training under their supervision.

Professional Engineers and Professional Geoscientists will strive to advance the body of knowledge within which they practice and provide opportunities for professional development of their subordinates.

#### RULES OF CONDUCT

Professional Engineers and Professional Geoscientists:

1. shall hold paramount the health, safety and welfare of the public and have regard for the environment.
2. shall undertake only such work as they are competent to perform by virtue of training and expertise, and shall express opinions on engineering and geoscience matters only on the basis of adequate knowledge and honest conviction.
3. shall sign and seal only reports, plans or documents which they have prepared or which have been prepared under their direct supervision and control.
4. shall act for their clients or employers as a faithful agent or trustee always acting independently and with fairness and justice to all parties.
5. shall not engage in activities nor accept remuneration for services rendered which may create a conflict of interest with their clients or employers, without the knowledge and consent of their clients or employers.
6. shall not disclose confidential information without the consent of their clients or employers, unless the withholding of such information is deemed contrary to the safety of the public.
7. shall present clearly to their clients or employers the consequences to be expected if their professional judgment is overruled or disregarded by other authorities in matters pertaining to work for which they are professionally responsible.

8. shall not offer or accept covert payment for the purpose of securing an engineering or geoscience assignment.
9. shall represent their qualifications and competence, or advertise professional services offered, only through factual representation without exaggeration.
10. shall conduct themselves toward other professional engineers, professional geoscientists, employees and others with fairness and good faith.
11. shall keep themselves informed in order to maintain their competence.
12. shall advise the Executive Director of their Professional Development Activities with their annual membership renewal.
13. shall advise the Executive Director of any practice by another member of the Association, which they believe to be contrary to this code of ethics.
14. shall advise the Executive Director, without delay, of the initiation of discipline proceedings against themselves by an extraterritorial disciplinary body.
15. shall enhance public knowledge and appreciation of engineering and geosciences and protect the professions from misrepresentation and misunderstanding.