

The Texas Board of Professional Engineers Quarterly e-Newsletter

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TBPE HURRICANE HARVEY RESPONSE INFORMATION

To help mitigate the impact of Hurricane Harvey, TBPE has developed and passed an emergency rule providing for the issuing of Emergency Temporary Licenses. Board Rule 22 TAC § 133.12 provides for the issuance of Emergency Temporary Licenses to engineers licensed in good standing in another US State or Territory to do work in Texas counties included in the Governor's Proclamation for a duration of 90 days from the issuance of the license. All applicants must follow all provisions of the Texas Engineering Practice Act, including firm registration requirements (Chapter 135 of the rules) and procurement requirements (PSPA / QBS, Rule 22 TAC § 137.53).

Additionally, registered firms, applicants and licensed P.E.s affected by Hurricane Harvey will be allowed some consideration with deadlines and requirements. Please refer to <u>http://engineers.texas.gov/harvey.html</u> for further information.

Job Openings at TBPE

TBPE has an opening for a Director in our Compliance & Enforcement Division and two Licensing Program Specialists in our Licensing Division. Refer to http://engineers.texas.gov/jobs for job descriptions and instructions on how to apply.

Board Meeting Update

The Texas Board of Professional Engineers Quarterly Board and Committee Meetings were held August 16-17, 2017. Highlights include the following:

• 2018 Board Officers

Daniel O. Wong, Ph.D., P.E. - Chair Dr. Sina K. Nejad, P.E. - Vice-Chair Edward L. Summers, Ph.D. - Treasurer R. Kyle Womack, P.E. - Secretary

• **Video Clips** - Video recordings of the Board meeting are available at: <u>http://engineers.texas.gov/recordings.htm</u>. Viewing these recordings qualifies for continuing education credit under the category of self-directed study. A maximum of five credit hours may be accrued for self-directed study.

• **Disciplinary Actions** - All enforcement actions approved in the Board meeting are posted on the TBPE website. Enforcement actions are reported based on the date of the Board meeting at which the actions were taken.

Refer to: <u>http://engineers.texas.gov/disciplinary.htm</u>.

Webinars and Outreach

TBPE continues to offer ethics outreach presentations both in person and in a webinar format for the convenience of our licensees. The free webinars have been so well received that we are now adding additional events as needed. If you are interested in scheduling a live TBPE ethics presentation at your workplace, please refer to our outreach page at: http://engineers.texas.gov/outreach.

• TBPE Outreach Events

- October 3-6, 2017 <u>TML (Texas Municipal League) Annual Conference in</u> <u>Houston</u>.
- October 9-11, 2017 <u>SPE (Society of Petroleum Engineers) Conference in</u> <u>San Antonio</u>.
- October 11, 2017 <u>STEAM Day in Waco</u>. STEAM DAY is an educational exhibition event geared towards middle and high school age students (grades 6 through 12) that promotes higher education, degree plans and careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering, architecture, arts and mathematics (STEAM).
- October 26-28, 2017 <u>SWE (Society of Women Engineers) Conference in</u>
 <u>Austin</u>

Ethics Webinars

These quarterly webinars provide an up-to-date overview of agency activities, case studies, and a review of professional ethics topics. Ethics webinars are held approximately one month prior to each quarterly expiration date. The webinars held September 6-7, 2017 were well attended with 3,484 attendees.

Future webinars are scheduled for December 6-7, 2017; March 7-8, 2018; June 6-7, 2018; September 12-13, 2018 and December 5-6, 2018. Webinars will be held at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day. Registration links will be posted 30 days prior to the webinars at: <u>https://engineers.texas.gov/webinars.html</u>.



Dream Big: Engineering Our World

Dream Big is the first giant-screen film to answer the call of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) initiative, which aims to inspire kids of diverse backgrounds to become the innovators who will improve the lives of people across our entire planet as we head into the 21st Century and beyond. For more information and to find a showing near you, visit

http://www.dreambigfilm.com/.

And More:

Give us feedback on how we are doing by filling out our customer service survey. Please visit our website at <u>http://engineers.texas.gov/feedback</u> or call us for a paper survey. We want to hear your suggestions on how we can improve agency operations and delivery of services.

In keeping with our efforts to modernize and increase communication with our licensees and the public, you can now follow us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and via an RSS feed. Join today!

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