

Recent Engineer Discipline

In the last few months, the Board has formally approved the following enforcement case based on the Florida Statutes and Rules applicable at the time of the violation. Included is a brief description of the licensee's violation and discipline imposed by the Board.

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License No. 66075
Case No: 2011055019

The Administrative Complaint alleged that Licensee sealed, signed and dated three pages of engineering design documents for an aluminum swimming pool screen enclosure. The engineering documents were materially deficient engineering documents which resulted in engaging in negligence in the practicing of engineering. Specifically, it was alleged that Licensee failed to comply with Sections 106.1.1, 1603.1 and 1604.2 of the 2007 Florida Building Code as well as Rules 61G15-30.002(1), 61G15-31.003(1), 61G15-31.001 and 61G15-31.002(1), (5), Florida Administrative Code. Some of the deficiencies noted were: connection for the ends of the diagonal roof bracing elements was not detailed in the permit drawing; failure to design the elements of the screen enclosure in accordance with strength requirements, etc. Additionally, the Licensee, as the structural engineer of record, is professionally responsible for producing a document that complies with the applicable portions of the Responsibility Rules.

Ruling: A Final Order was issued on 10/19/12 accepting a Settlement Stipulation, imposing the following: Licensee's license will be placed on "inactive status". Licensee waives any right to reactivate the inactive license and will make no attempt to reactivate the license. Licensee further agrees that the inactive license will not be renewed in February 2013 and will become delinquent as a result of non-renewal. Licensee further agrees that, upon the delinquent license becoming null and void after the closing of the 2015 renewal cycle, Licensee will never reapply for licensure as a Professional Engineer or Certificate of Authorization holder in the State of Florida.

Violation: Section 471.033(1)(g) Florida Statutes and Rule 61G15-19.001(4), F.A.C.

You can access the final orders for these cases and other recent engineer disciplines on our website under the Legal section at <http://fbpe.org/legal/disciplinary-actions>. If you are unsure if an engineer has been disciplined you can verify their license on www.myfloridalicense.com. Information on public cases in which an engineer has been disciplined can be obtained by sending an email request to publicrecords@fbpe.org.

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