In the last few months, the Board has formally approved the following enforcement cases 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.

Bishar Tannous, PE  
PE 46009  
Case No. 2013017813

Licensee was charged with the negligence in the practice of engineering, a violation of Section 471.033(1)(g), Florida Statutes. Licensee was hired to provide recommendations for deep grout and underpinning activities for a remedial engineering and construction project. Licensee created a signed and sealed grout and underpin injection engineering plan which included a layout plan, etc., and implementation was begun. Subsequent to providing the plan, Licensee provided a signed and sealed Summary of Grout and Underpinning Operation. The report was materially deficient in that the report stated that the contractor installed steel tubing during construction, but the tubing used was not Schedule 40 steel as required in the plan. The report states that an 8” x 8” bracket was used during installation of the underpin – not a 10” x 10” bracket as mandated by the plan, etc. The report is an engineering certification as defined in Rule 61G15-18.011(4), FAC. The opinions contained in the certification report were not prepared in accordance with due care in the performance of engineering services and were not issued with due regard to acceptable standards of engineering principles. A Final Order was issued on December 20, 2013.

Ruling: The Board approved a Settlement Stipulation imposing an administrative fine of $1,000, costs of $2,012, Reprimand, Appearance before the Board when the Stipulation was presented, one (1) year probation with terms, terms include a Board-approved course in Engineering Professionalism and Ethics and the Study Guide.

Violation: Section 471.033(1)(g), Florida Statutes.