

STATE OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

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FLORIDA ENGINEERS MANAGEMENT  
CORPORATION,

Petitioner,

vs.

FEMC Case No.: 2018020976  
License No.: PE 50414

RONALD WYCOFF, P.E.,

Respondent.

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**FINAL ORDER ACCEPTING DISCIPLINARY  
RELINQUISHMENT OF LICENSE**

THIS MATTER came before the Florida Board of Professional Engineers ("Board") pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57(4), Florida Statutes, at a duly-noticed public meeting on December 6, 2018, in Tallahassee, Florida. Petitioner sought disciplinary action against Respondent's license to practice as a Professional Engineer. Petitioner was represented by John J. Rimes, III, Chief Prosecuting Attorney. Respondent was present and was not represented by legal counsel.

Respondent submitted a written Voluntary Relinquishment of Licensure. After considering the record of the case, the Board voted to accept Respondent's voluntary relinquishment. A copy of the Voluntary Relinquishment is attached to and made a part of this Final Order. It is, therefore

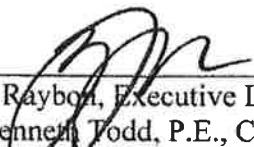
**ORDERED** that the Disciplinary Voluntary Relinquishment of License is accepted.

This Final Order shall take effect upon being filed with the Clerk of the

Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

DONE AND ORDERED this 5 day of January, 2019.

**FLORIDA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL  
ENGINEERS**

  
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Zana Raybon, Executive Director  
for Kenneth Todd, P.E., CFM, Chair

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Final Order has been provided by U.S. Mail to **Ronald Wycoff, P.E.**, 11431 SW 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Gainesville, Florida 32608; and via interoffice mail or electronic mail to: Lawrence D. Harris, Assistant Attorney General, Lawrence.Harris@myfloridalegal.com, John J. Rimes, III, FEMC, 2639 North Monroe St., Suite B-112, Tallahassee FL 32303, and the Board of Professional Engineers, 2639 North Monroe St., Suite B-112, Tallahassee FL 32303 this 10 day of January, 2019.



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**VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT OF LICENSE**

Respondent, Ronald Wycoff, P.E., license No. 20414, hereby voluntarily relinquishes his license to practice Engineering in the State of Florida and states as follows:

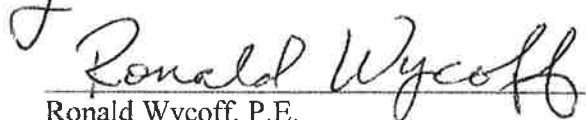
1. Respondent's purpose in executing this Voluntary Relinquishment is to avoid further administrative action with respect to this complaint. Respondent understands that acceptance by the Board of Professional Engineers (hereinafter the Board) of this Voluntary Relinquishment shall be construed as disciplinary action against Respondent's license pursuant to Section 433.033(1)(g), Florida Statutes.
2. Respondent agrees to never reapply for licensure as a Professional Engineer in the State of Florida.
3. Respondent agrees to voluntarily cease practicing Engineering immediately upon executing this Voluntary Relinquishment. Respondent further agrees to refrain from the practice of Engineering until such time as this Voluntary Relinquishment is presented to the Board and the Board issues a written final order in this matter.
4. Upon the Board's acceptance of this Voluntary Relinquishment, Respondent agrees to waive all rights to seek judicial review of, or to otherwise challenge or contest the

validity of, this Voluntary Relinquishment and of the Final Order of the Board incorporating this Voluntary Relinquishment.

5. Petitioner and Respondent hereby agree that upon the Board's acceptance of this Voluntary Relinquishment, each party shall bear its own attorney's fees and costs related to the prosecution or defense of this matter.

6. Respondent authorizes the Board to review and examine all investigative file materials concerning Respondent in connection with the Board's consideration of this Voluntary Relinquishment. Respondent agrees that consideration of this Voluntary Relinquishment and other related materials by the Board shall not prejudice or preclude the Board, or any of its members, from further participation, consideration, or resolution of these proceedings if the terms of this Voluntary Relinquishment are not accepted by the Board.

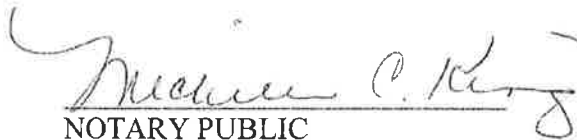
DATED this 10 day of May, 2018.

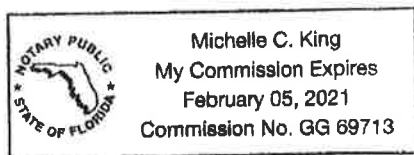
  
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STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF: Alachua

Before me, personally appeared Ronald Wycoff, whose identity is known to me by Florida Driver License (type of identification) and who, under oath, acknowledges that his signature appears above. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

My Commission Expires:

  
NOTARY PUBLIC





**FBPE**  
FLORIDA BOARD OF  
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

## INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Office: FLORIDA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS		Date of Complaint: April 19, 2018		Case Number: 2018020976	
Subject: <b>Ronald Wycoff</b> 11431 SW 73 <sup>rd</sup> Ave Gainesville, Florida 32608			Complainant/Source: <b>FEMC pursuant to §455.225(1)(a), Florida Statutes</b>		
Prefix: PE	License #: 20414	Profession: Engineer	Board: Engineers	Report Date: June 15, 2018	
Period of Investigation: April 19, 2018 through June 15, 2018			Type of Report: Investigative Report		
Alleged Violation: §471.031(1) (e), FS: Use or attempt to use a license that has been suspended, revoked, or placed on inactive or delinquent status.					
<p><b>Synopsis:</b> This investigation is predicated upon the receipt of information from Investigator Anderson indicating that she located advertising for Mr. Wycoff and noted that his professional engineering license was delinquent (Ex. 1). Upon review of the website and conversation with the prosecuting attorney this complaint was opened.</p> <p>Subject was notified of this complaint on April 19, 2018 (Ex. 2). Mr. Wycoff responded to the complaint on April 27, 2018 (Ex. 3). In his response, Mr. Wycoff stated:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>I am in receipt of your correspondence of 4/19/2018 a complete copy of which is enclosed. In your letter reference is made to a complaint. However, no complaint statement or document was included.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please note that I am fully retired and no longer a Professional Engineer. I have not been employed nor practiced engineering for more than 3 years. Also, I am currently out of state and my US mail is on hold until 5/7/2018.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Hopefully, the subject correspondence was mailed in error and no complaint exists. However, if it is necessary for you to contact me again perhaps email would be a better method (rwycoff45@aol.com).</i></p> <p>On May 2, 2018, this Investigator had a telephone conversation with Mr. Wycoff to discuss the complaint. He stated that he had been retired for several years and would like to consider a Voluntary Relinquishment of his license. We discussed in detail the option of Voluntary Relinquishment in lieu of a citation. After our phone conversation, I emailed the Voluntary Relinquishment of License form to Mr. Wycoff for his review,</p>					

with an explanation of the process (Ex. 4). Mr. Wycoff provided a supplemental response to the complaint on May 10, 2018 (Ex. 5). In his response, Mr. Wycoff stated:

*This letter with enclosures is my response to the subject complaint. First, I'd like to thank you for helping me understand what the complaint was about. I was somewhat confused at the time I received the original correspondence.*

*The complaint as I now understand it, is the potential practice of engineering in the State of Florida without a valid license. It is also my understanding that my current license status is Delinquent,Active.*

*Let me assure you that I have never practiced engineering with a Delinquent,Active PE license. I am 72 years old, fully retired and have been since 2015. While semi-retired, from 2010 through 2014, I was employed on a part time project by project basis with Dunn, Salsa no and Vergara, Consulting LLC (DSV). At the end of 2014 I decided it was time for full retirement and I have not practiced engineering or been employed in any capacity since.*

*My Florida PE license came up for renewal in February 2015 and even though I did not intend to practice I renewed for one more two year interval, just to keep my options open. When it came up for renewal again in February 2017, and I had not done any work in more than two years, I decided not to renew. At that time I believed (mistakenly) that not renewing was the same as giving up or forfeiting my PE license. That is, I believed that I was no longer a PE beginning in or about March 2017.*

*In the meantime DSV did not keep their web site up to date and it containing some outdated information including my old resume and other bio material. Thus, it gave the impression that I was a PE and still employed.*

*Mr. Jerry Salsa no managing partner of DSV has apologized to me for this oversight and DSV has initiated a rather comprehensive update of the web site. Included of course, will be deletion of any references to me. A copy of Mr. Salsano's letter is included herein.*

*Also included herein is the executed notarized original copy my "Voluntary Relinquishment of License" form. It is my understanding that once accepted by the board I will no longer be Florida PE, which was my intent, by not renewing my license, in February 2017. I have always been proud of my profession but my career as an engineer is done, and it is time to simplify and move on.*

*If you have any questions, or if you need any additional information, please let me know.*

On May 21, 2018, a letter was received from Dunn, Salsano & Vergara Consulting, LLC regarding the complaint against Mr. Wycoff (Ex. 6). The letter stated:

*We at DSV want to apologize that our actions resulted in the Board having to respond to a complaint. The fault lies entirely with me as managing partner for the firm. I contracted for the website and am responsible for its maintenance. When Mr. Wycoff left DSV officially, we kept him on the website because we had pursued several large contracts where his expertise was needed and he, at that time, had agreed to provide limited services as necessary (as a part time employee).*

*He later expressed his desire to completely retire and not provide work for DSV. It was at that time that I should have purged our website of his presence and any material holding him out as a professional engineer. I offer no excuse for this inaction; it was a simple oversight. Sometime later Mr. Wycoff decided to let his license lapse. I was not aware of this decision.*

*Mr. Wycoff contacted us on May 8, 2018, and advised us of his receipt of the complaint. We immediately requested that our website contractor remove the offending content. That was completed on May 11, 2018. As of that date, Mr. Wycoff is no longer presented on our website (www.dsvllc.com) as a practicing professional engineer.*

*I offer, enclosed, a copy the letter we supplied to Mr. Wycoff in support of his response to the complaint. If you have any questions or need further information from our firm, please contact me by email or phone.*

On June 1, 2018, a Citation was issued to Mr. Wycoff so the Board would have a basis to act upon his request for Voluntary Relinquishment. Mr. Wycoff responded to the Citation on June 8, 2018 (Ex. 7). In his response, Mr. Wycoff stated:

*I am in receipt of the Uniform Disciplinary Citation issued on June 1, 2018 regarding the subject complaint. The citation (copy enclosed) alleges that I offered engineering services via the Dunn, Salsano and Vergara Consulting LLC (DSV) website from March 2017 until May 2018 while my license was Delinquent, Active.*

*I do hereby dispute the Citation.*

*Be assured, that I have never practiced engineering, or sought to practice engineering, with a Delinquent, Active PE license. I am 72 years old, fully retired and have been since 2015. While semi-retired, from 2010 through 2014, I was employed on a part time project by project basis with DSV. At the end of 2014 I decided it was time for full retirement and I have not practiced engineering, been employed, or sought employment, in any capacity since.*

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*To officially complete the license relinquishment I sought in February/March 2017 I have executed a "Voluntary Relinquishment of License" form. The original, signed and notarized on May 10, 2018, was returned to you via US mail on that same day.*

*In the meantime DSV did not keep their web site up to date and it containing some outdated information including my old resume and other bio material. Thus, it gave the impression that I was a PE and still employed.*

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*Mr. Salsano also prepared a letter to the Board, through you, acknowledging the DSV oversight and corrective actions. A copy of this letter is also enclosed.*

*Thank you for your assistance in helping me understand this complaint and actions needed to officially relinquish my license. If you have any questions, or if you need any additional information, please let me know.*

**FBPE Licensing Information:**

Mr. Wycoff was first licensed in Florida by Examination on June 18, 1998. Mr. Wycoff received his BSCE from the University of Missouri in 1968 and his MSCE from University of Missouri in 1971. His experience record indicates he has experience is civil engineering from at least 1971 through 1998 (Ex. 8).

For these reasons the file is being forwarded to legal for processing.

Related Case:

Investigator:

Jeannie Jones  
Investigator

Date: June 15, 2018

Distribution: Legal

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