

**OHIO STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS**

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State Board Accepts Settlement Agreements in Three Cases and Issues Three Final Orders

At its meeting on July 15, 2014 the Ohio State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors accepted three settlement agreements from the following individuals and company:

Jason M. Seaverson, P.E., a resident of Fuquay Varina, NC, received disciplinary action in South Carolina and failed to report it to the Ohio Board as required by Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.) 4733-35-07. Furthermore, Seaverson failed to cooperate with this Board's investigation relating to disciplinary actions taken by other states as required by O.A.C. 4733-35-09. In order to resolve the matter, Seaverson entered into a settlement agreement wherein he agreed to voluntarily surrender his professional engineer registration.

Kemron Environmental Services, Inc., of Marietta, OH, offered and provided engineering services in Ohio at a time the firm did not possess a Certificate of Authorization with this Board. In order to avoid further legal action for violations of the Ohio Revised Code, Kemron Environmental Services, Inc. entered into a settlement agreement wherein the firm agreed to comply with the laws and rules governing the practice of engineering, pay a \$500.00 fine, and receive a reprimand.

Dale Haywood, P.E., a resident of Elyria, OH, failed to report that he surrendered his Florida professional surveyor's license within the allowed time as required by Ohio Administrative Code 4733-35-07. Haywood surrendered his Florida license while the Florida board was investigating multiple complaints alleging that Haywood failed to meet Florida's minimum standards. In order to avoid further action from the Board, Haywood entered into a settlement agreement wherein he agreed to a three year probation period, pay a \$2,000.00 fine, receive a reprimand and complete a course in professional ethics.

At the meeting the Board also issued three final orders revoking the professional engineer registration of the following individuals:

Peter K. Theodorakakos, P.E., a resident of Gainesville, TX, pled guilty in the Southern Division of the Eastern District of Michigan United States District Court to one count of Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud. The conviction was the result of Mr. Theodorakakos's involvement in a scheme to defraud the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, where he was paid \$40,000.00 by co-conspirators. The total loss to the U.S. Government was \$1,975,000.00. Based on the conviction the Board charged Mr. Theodorakakos with violations of R.C. 4733.11(E), 4733.20(A) (4) and (5) and A.C. 4733-35-02 and 4733-35-07(D).

At its meeting on July 15, 2014 the Board issued a final order revoking Mr. Theodorakakos's PE registration based on the violations cited above.

Richard L. Hiatt, P.E., a resident of Cincinnati, OH, failed to report the revocation of his professional engineer registration by the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors as required by Ohio Administrative Code 4733-35-07. Mr. Hiatt also failed to respond to this Board's investigation of the Kentucky Board's action. Mr. Hiatt was charged with violations of Ohio Revised Code Sections 4733.02, 4733.20(A)(2)(5), 4733.22, and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4733-35-07, and 4733-35-09.

At its meeting on July 15, 2014 the Board issued a final order revoking Mr. Hiatt's PE registration based on the violations cited above.

Jerald Hasbrouck, P.E., a resident of Columbus, OH, was found to have affixed his professional engineer seal to engineering plans that were not prepared under his direct supervision on numerous occasions. Mr. Hasbrouck was also found to have been practicing outside his area of competence and to have provided engineering services on 35 projects at a time his firm's Certificate of Authorization was expired. Additionally, during the course of the investigation Mr. Hasbrouck made statements he knew to be false to Board Enforcement Staff. Mr. Hasbrouck was charged with violations of Ohio Revised Code Sections 4733.16, 4733.20(A)(2)(3) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4733-25-01, 4733-35-02, and 4733-35-07(A)(B).

At its meeting on July 15, 2014 the Board issued a final order revoking Mr. Hasbrouck's PE registration based on the violations cited above.

ABOUT THE BOARD

The Ohio State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors is the state agency that regulates and licenses the professions of engineering and surveying in Ohio. The Board has approximately 30,000 registered professional engineers and professional surveyors, 2,600 registered engineering and surveying firms and administers more than 2,500 licensing examinations yearly. The Board's mission is to safeguard the health, safety, property and welfare of the citizens of Ohio by providing effective licensure and regulation of professional engineers, professional surveyors and engineering and surveying firms.

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