INFORMATION REGARDING NJ PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS (CPC)

Note: the following information was received from the state board on January 6, 2012.

Please be advised that the draft regulation regarding continuing PE professional competency credits (CPC) was published in the NJ Register on January 3, 2012 for public comment. Please see: www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/pels/pelrules.htm

At this time the Board is not reviewing any additional courses. However it is anticipated that all CPC courses and programs must relate to the practice of professional engineering. Further, it is anticipated that courses that do not directly and materially relate to the practice of professional engineering with the clear purpose to maintain, improve or expand the skills and knowledge relevant to the practice of engineering, will not be approved. Finally, it is anticipated that the Board may reject any course or program that is required for initial licensure or that involves practice building, practice management, or practice marketing.

The Board anticipates that a current licensee shall be required to obtain 15 continuing professional competency credits, 2 of which shall be in professional practice ethics, on or before April 30, 2012 to meet the requirements for the 2012-2014 biennial renewal period. In addition, the Board anticipates that for the 2014-2016 biennial renewal period, and every 2 years thereafter, a licensee shall be required to complete 24 continuing professional competency credits, 2 of which shall be in professional practice ethics. See: http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2008/Bills/PL09/294_.HTM

CPC courses may be taken from May 1, 2010 thru April 30, 2012 to qualify for the 2012 - 2014 biennial renewal cycle. Additionally, it is anticipated that courses may originate from the following approved providers: accredited schools, universities and colleges; national and state professional engineering and closely allied professional organizations; Federal. State of New Jersey, and New Jersey bi-state governmental agencies and independent authorities that sponsor CPC courses or programs, and CPC providers registered with the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying.

Finally, it is anticipated that a maximum of 12 CPC credits may be carried over into the next biennial renewal period.

The Board anticipates that a licensee shall not be required to obtain continuing professional competency credits during the biennial renewal period in which the licensee obtained initial licensure.

The Board anticipates that a new licensee by way of comity shall be responsible at the first biennial renewal for one continuing professional competency credit for each full calendar month since the New Jersey license was issued.