Greetings from the APELSCIDLA Board!
A message from Kate Nosbisch, Executive Director

It is hard to believe that April is right around the corner and with it the second quarter of 2012! The Board just held its first full board meeting of the New Year on March 20th. I encourage you to read the draft minutes which are available on our website within ten days after every meeting. One of the many items discussed was a future board workshop which we anticipate will be held at DPOR the end of the third quarter of this year after the Board receives new appointments.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of Mr. Nico De Leon, PE Board Member, and Ms. Cameron Stiles, Certified Interior Designer Board Member, who will each be completing two terms (eight years) of service to the Board in June. Also, Mr. Jim Boyd, Architect Board Member, as he completes his first term in June. It is through our board members’ dedication and commitment that we are able to carry out the responsibilities of our Board. We would also like to congratulate Jim, as he was recently elected Vice Chair/Treasurer of the NCARB Region 2 at the Regional Spring Meeting in Nashville.

The DPOR website will be receiving a much needed facelift sometime during the next two quarters. I anticipate this will make it easier for our regulants to navigate the site and find pertinent information regarding meetings, guidance documents, and other online services. We also have a new part-time licensing specialist, Caly Emerson, who joined our team in October 2011.

Lastly, not only is Spring in the air, so is computer-based testing! The L.A.R.E. exam will transition from a five to a four-part examination, as well as transition all sections to computer-based testing. The last paper-and-pencil offering of Sections C and E will be June 2012. The first administration of the new exam will take place September 2012 with Sections 1 and 2 being offered at that time. Sections 3 and 4 will be offered in December 2012. NCEES is on track for the FE and FS to begin computer-based testing January 2014. Stay tuned for more information.

NCARB IDP 2.0 conversion will take place April 3-5. Interns, please read the enclosed information on page 7 to learn how this impacts you.

It is our pleasure to serve you! Please feel free to contact us if we can be of assistance to you.
At its meeting on December 15, 2011, the Board approved the publication of a guidance document regarding onsite sewage systems designed by PEs and Onsite Soil Evaluators. The guidance document can also be found on our website and on the Town-Hall website.

www.dpor.virginia.gov
www.townhall.virginia.gov

Guidance Document

To: Regulants & Other Members of the Public
From: Virginia Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers, and Landscape Architects (APELSCIDLA Board)
Date: December 15, 2011
Re: Onsite Sewage Systems Designed by PE’s and Onsite Soil Evaluators

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to clarify the requirements for onsite sewage systems designs as completed by a licensed professional engineer (PE) or a licensed onsite soil evaluator.

Background

§ 54.1-406 of the Code of Virginia requires a license for any person engaging the practice of engineering unless otherwise exempt pursuant to §54.1-401, 54.1-402, or 54.1-402.1. The full text of the statute reads as follows:

A. Unless exempted by § 54.1-401, 54.1-402, or 54.1-402.1, a person shall hold a valid license prior to engaging in the practice of architecture or engineering which includes design, consultation, evaluation or analysis and involves proposed or existing improvements to real property.

§ 54.1-402 of the Code of Virginia contains various exemptions from licensure for specific activities meeting specific conditions. The full text of the licensure exemption regarding onsite sewage systems is contained in §54.1-402.A.11 reads as follows:

§ 54.1-402 Further exemptions from license requirements for architects, professional engineers, and land surveyors.

A. No license as an architect or professional engineer shall be required pursuant to § 54.1-406 for persons who prepare plans, specifications, documents and designs for the following, provided any such plans, specifications, documents or designs bear the name and address of the author and his occupation:

11. Conventional and alternative onsite sewage systems receiving residential wastewater, under the authority of Chapter 6 of Title 32.1, designed by a licensed onsite soil evaluator, which utilize packaged equipment, such as equipment of catalogued standard design that has been coordinated and tested by the manufacturer, and complies with all applicable codes, provided (i) the flow is less than 1,000 gallons per day; and (ii) if a pump is included, (a) it shall not include multiple downhill runs and must terminate at a positive elevational change; (b) the discharge end is open and not pressurized; (c) the static head does not exceed 50 feet; and (d) the force main length does not exceed 500 feet.

Normally, a PE license is required to design an onsite sewage system, however; pursuant to the exemption listed above, a licensed onsite soil evaluator may design a system so long as the system:

1. Utilizes packaged equipment, such as equipment of catalogued standard design that has been coordinated and tested by the manufacturer, and complies with all applicable codes;

2. Produces a flow which is less than 1,000 gallons per day; and

3. The pump (if a pump is included) does not include multiple downhill runs, terminates at a positive elevational change; the discharge end is open and not pressurized; the static head does not exceed 50 feet; and the force main length does not exceed 500 feet.
Guidance Document Continued:

As long as all three of the above conditions are met, a PE license is not required and the system may be designed by a licensed onsite soil evaluator. However, if any of the above three conditions are not met, the system (and not just that component) must be designed by a licensed PE.

Summary

An onsite sewage system that does not meet each of the above three conditions must be designed by a licensed PE. For any condition that is not met, it is not acceptable to have a PE sign and seal only that component; the PE is responsible for the entire system design. An onsite soil evaluator shall be responsible for any work he performs regarding a soil evaluation. A PE shall be responsible for the work he performs based on the soil evaluation.

This does not preclude the involvement of a licensed onsite soil evaluator in designing an onsite sewage system; it only means that the PE must sign and seal the entire system because the licensed onsite soil evaluator no longer meets the exemption contained in § 54.1-402.A.11. The PE may utilize the soils work of the licensed onsite soil evaluator but the PE must sign and seal the complete system design.

In situations when conditions 1-3 above are met, the system may be designed, signed, and sealed by a licensed onsite soil evaluator. Should a PE be involved in any design of the system, regardless if a PE license is required, he must sign and seal his work pursuant to Board regulations.

NCEES 2012 approved calculator list announced

NCEES has approved the following list of calculators for use in the April and October 2012 exam administrations:

- **Casio:** All fx-115 models. Any Casio calculator must contain fx-115 in its model name.
- **Hewlett-Packard:** The HP33s and HP 35s models, but no others
- **Texas Instruments:** All TI-30X and TI-36X models. Any Texas Instruments calculator must contain either TI-30X or TI-36X in its model name.

Calculators not included within the above descriptions are not permitted in the exam room. Examinees possessing unapproved calculators during the administration of an exam are subject to dismissal from the exam site.

2012 NCARB Practice Analysis of Architecture

This April, more than 80,000 architects, interns, and educators will be invited to participate in the 2012 NCARB Practice Analysis of Architecture Survey. As the foundation of NCARB’s 2012 Practice Analysis, the survey is designed to help identify the tasks and knowledge/skills necessary for the independent practice of architecture. It is more than just data collection—it is about the future of the profession.

Over the next few months, we hope you will join us in spreading the word about the upcoming survey. NCARB will be conducting a communications campaign to help encourage awareness and participation.

- The campaign will reach out to architects, interns, and educators across the country.
- We’ll actively use social media to promote the survey, and we hope you will consider re-tweeting and sharing our Facebook and LinkedIn posts on your own pages as well.

11/8/11

A seminal industry research report issued by six leading interior design organizations (ASID, CIDA, IDC, IDEC, IIDA and NCIDQ) highlights a growing body of evidence that supports the positive impact of interior design on public health, safety and welfare.

The Interior Design Profession’s Body of Knowledge and Its Relationship to People’s Health, Safety and Welfare is based on research led by Denise A. Guerin, Ph.D., and Caren S. Martin, Ph.D., professors at the University of Minnesota’s College of Design. The report, which updates a 2005 study, represents the most current and comprehensive resource for helping design practitioners, educators, researchers, accreditors, students and the public understand the broad and diverse knowledge interior designers employ in their work.

The study asked a sample of 1,578 experienced interior designers to rate their potential contribution to health, safety and welfare across 65 knowledge areas, including daylighting, indoor air quality, ergonomics, and material, equipment and product specifying. Those knowledge areas were grouped, for purposes of comparison, into six categories: Human Environment Needs; Interior Construction, Codes and Regulations; Products and Materials; Design Theory and Process; Communication; and Professional Practice.

Research highlights include:

- The highest contributions to health, safety and welfare were found in the Human Environment Needs, Interior Construction and Products and Materials categories.
- Human Environment Needs contributes the highest to health and welfare, whereas Interior Construction contributes highest to safety.
- All categories contribute at the substantial level to health, safety and welfare.
- Overall, contributions to welfare are higher than to health and safety.

“Continued research and applied knowledge and documentation are essential to advancing the profession and increasing the health and safety of the built environment,” said Jeffrey Beachum, executive director of the Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC). “The unified body of knowledge outlined in this report is both a practical and encouraging step forward for the design industry and the public at large.”

The report also includes a series of recommendations and a roadmap for advancing the interior design profession through the continued identification, documentation and measure of health, safety and welfare performance standards to provide meaningful benchmarks.

A full copy of the report and a feedback survey is available online at www.idbok.org and at www.careersininteriordesign.org.

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Regulant Counts as of March 1, 2012

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The American National Standards Institute recently approved the Model Law Structural Engineer (MLSE) standard developed by NCEES.

This standard outlines the requirements for attaining licensure as a structural engineer, or S.E. Its criteria are divided into education, professional experience, and examinations. The standard is used by NCEES as a guideline for its member licensing boards, which grant licensure to engineers and surveyors in all 50 states and several U.S. territories.

Prior to being approved by the ANSI Board of Standards Review, the MLSE standard was published on the NCEES home page and in ANSI's Standards Review and was open to public comment.

"We're looking forward to promoting this standard to encourage uniformity in the licensing of structural engineers and, ultimately, better protect the public," said Jerry Carter, NCEES executive director.

NCEES was granted status as an accredited standards developer with ANSI in 2007. It currently has two other standards recognized by ANSI: the Model Law Engineer standard and the Model Law Surveyor standard, which outline the requirements for licensure as a professional engineer and professional surveyor, respectively.

As the U.S. representative to the International Organization for Standardization, ANSI oversees the development of standards for various products, services, and processes throughout the United States. Its membership includes more than 100,000 government agencies, corporations, and academic and international bodies.

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In the October 2012 exam administration, NCEES will implement changes to two examinations. This letter provides Member Boards and testing services with the 1-year notice required by the NCEES Manual of Policy and Position Statements, Exam Development Policy 9.

October 2012 Administration
In the October 2012 exam administration, NCEES will implement changes to the following Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) exams.

- **PE Fire Protection**—The PE Fire Protection exam has revised specifications. The new exam specifications are attached and are also posted online at ncees.org.
- **PE Nuclear**—The PE Nuclear exam has revised specifications. The new exam specifications are attached and are also posted online at ncees.org.

Examinee Management System
NCEES will continue to use the Examinee Management System to register all NCEES examinees.

- Registration for the April 2012 exams will be open December 15, 2011–February 23, 2012. All examinees must be registered in the NCEES Examinee Management System by February 23, 2012. Board approvals and cancellations must be complete by March 5, 2012.

- Examinees will log into the NCEES Web site, obtain a unique ID number, and register for the exam they intend to take. For the PE Civil, PE Mechanical, Structural Engineering, and Fundamentals of Engineering exams, examinees must also select an afternoon module when they register. If you have any questions about these changes or require additional information, please contact NCEES.

Information obtained from NCEES
The licensed practice of landscape architecture has seven distinct, observable impacts on public welfare according to a newly released study by ERIN Research for the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB). The landmark report also offered a contemporary definition of public welfare (an integral part of professional licensure along with health and safety). A special executive summary of the report can be downloaded by visiting www.clarb.org.

"While public welfare is a poorly defined, understood, and appreciated area of practice," noted CLARB Past President Ian Wasson, "it also represents a substantial portion of our body of knowledge and its application differentiates our practice from related disciplines."

He added that this new research provides a "practical, new framework" for understanding public welfare and how the profession "uniquely contributes" to its advancement.

The report describes public welfare as a "fusion" of the concepts of "public realm" and "well-being" and offers a modern definition based on the historical context as well as current legal practice and foundations. The seven principal impacts of landscape architecture on public welfare include:

- Environmental sustainability
- Economic sustainability
- Public health and well-being
- Community building
- Landscape awareness and stewardship
- Aesthetic and creative experiences
- Better functioning communities

"CLARB sponsored this groundbreaking research to help the organization and its member licensure boards better understand the relationship between the licensed practice of landscape architecture and public welfare," noted Executive Director Joel Albizo, "and to ensure that it was properly recognized in the licensure examination."
Final Phase of IDP 2.0 to be Implemented
April 2012

10/3/11
The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) will implement the final phase of Intern Development Program (IDP) 2.0 3-5 April 2012. This phase will include new experience categories and areas, simplified experience settings, and an enhanced electronic system to report IDP experience.

To facilitate these changes, a new, updated, and more user-friendly electronic reporting system will be available through My NCARB on the Council’s website on April 5. On 3 April 2012, the current reporting system will be shut down and will be inaccessible as the data is converted to IDP 2.0. Interns must submit any hours under the current requirements to their supervisor before April 3. All experience submitted to their supervisor or approved by their supervisor prior to the implementation of the final phase will be rolled over. All reports submitted after the new system becomes available on April 5 will count toward IDP 2.0 requirements.

IDP 2.0 is the most significant update to the Intern Development Program (IDP) since its inception in the 1970s. The Practice Analysis of Architecture was used as the foundation to update the program requirements to more closely align with the current practice of architecture and to identify the comprehensive training that is essential for competent practice.

Experience Categories, Areas, and Settings
IDP 2.0 will have four experience categories and 17 experience areas that will replace the current training requirement. The new categories and areas are aligned to the phases of project development in architecture practice today. Both will have minimum experience hours that must be earned.

The overall hours required to complete the IDP will remain 5,600 hours. Of those hours, 3,740 must be earned through core hours in the categories and areas, and 1,860 may be earned through elective hours.

Also, the current seven work settings that interns must be employed in to earn hours will be simplified into three experience settings. Interns must earn 1,860 hours of experience under the direct supervision of an IDP supervisor licensed as an architect in a U.S. or Canadian jurisdiction in an organization engaged in the lawful practice of architecture. The two other experience settings allow interns to work under the direct supervision of other professionals as well as earn core and elective hours whether or not employed. There will also be the opportunity for interns to earn hours through academic internships.

IDP Supervisors
Another major change in IDP 2.0 is the modification of the location-of-licensure requirement for IDP supervisors. The current program requires that IDP supervisors in certain work settings be licensed in the jurisdiction where they are located. In IDP 2.0, the definition of experience setting A and opportunities within O require that the IDP supervisor be licensed in a U.S. or Canadian jurisdiction, not necessarily where he or she is located.

Rollover to IDP 2.0
In order to assist interns with the rollover to the new program, NCARB has launched a new section of its website devoted to IDP 2.0. It includes a history of the program, a timeline for the implementation, a breakdown of the new categories and areas, definitions of the new experience settings, and other resources. More tools and resources, including assistance with the rollover rules from the old to the new program, will become available over the next several months. New IDP 2.0 Guidelines and IDP 2.0 Supervisor Guidelines with the official rules and requirements are anticipated to be released early next year.

For more information on IDP 2.0, including information on previous phases of IDP 2.0, visit www.ncarb.org/IDP2.

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In order for the conversion to take place, NCARB systems will be down beginning April 3 with access restored April 5. You will not be able to access your NCARB record, request transmittals, document experience or renew your record. NCARB staff will be unable to access records or process transactions during this period. Interns must submit reports before April 3 to receive exemptions and waivers for the IDP 2.0 rollover. For more information, please visit the NCARB website www.ncarb.org.
Disciplinary Actions

The following is a summary of actions taken against regulants by the APELSCIDLA Board. Although every effort is made to ensure that the information is correct, before making any specific decisions based upon this information, you should check with the Board office to ensure accuracy.

**ARCHITECTS**

**FILE NUMBER 2011-03341, Carl Lagoni**

**VIOLATION**—Mr. Lagoni failed to notify the Board within 30 days that he received disciplinary action in another jurisdiction.

**BOARD ACTION**—Consent Order imposing $650.00 in fines and board costs.

**REGULATIONS VIOLATED**—18VAC10-20-750.B; and 18VAC10-20-750.C.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**—September 28, 2011

**FILE NUMBER 2011-03356, Anthony Bayus**

**VIOLATION**—Mr. Bayus failed to notify the Board within 30 days that he received disciplinary action in another jurisdiction.

**BOARD ACTION**—Consent Order imposing $150.00 in board costs.

**REGULATION VIOLATED**—18VAC10-20-750.C

**EFFECTIVE DATE**—September 28, 2011

**FILE NUMBER 2011-00814, Anthony Vann Hunt**

**VIOLATION**—Mr. Vann Hunt failed to notify the Board within 30 days that he received disciplinary action in another jurisdiction.

**BOARD ACTION**—Final Opinion and Order imposing $1,000.00 in fines and probation until submission of open book exam on regulations.

**REGULATION VIOLATED**—18VAC10-20-750.B; and 18VAC10-20-750.C.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**—September 28, 2011

**FILE NUMBER 2011-03733, Robert Hollendonner**

**VIOLATION**—Mr. Hollendonner failed to notify the Board within 30 days of a change of address.

**BOARD ACTION**—Consent Order imposing $150.00 in board costs.

**REGULATION VIOLATED**—18VAC10-20-795.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**—September 28, 2011

**ENGINEERS**

**FILE NUMBER 2011-03336, Joel Whitley**

**VIOLATION**—Mr. Whitley failed to notify the Board within 30 days that he received disciplinary action in another jurisdiction.

**BOARD ACTION**—Consent Order imposing $450.00 in fines and board costs.

**REGULATIONS VIOLATED**—18VAC10-20-750.B; and 18VAC10-20-750.C.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**—September 28, 2011

**FILE NUMBER 2011-03342, Lawrence Bennett**

**VIOLATION**—Mr. Bennett failed to notify the Board within 30 days that he received disciplinary action in another jurisdiction.

**BOARD ACTION**—Consent Order imposing $750.00 in fines and board costs; probation to run concurrent with Florida probation; 3 hours of coursework in ethics.

**REGULATIONS VIOLATED**—18VAC10-20-750.B; and 18VAC10-20-750.C.

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**2012**

**National Engineers Week**

*February 19-25*

**National Surveying Week**

*March 20-26*

**National Architecture Week**

*April 11-17*

**Landscape Architecture Month**

*April*
2012 Calendar of Meetings

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9 Land Surveyor Section
15 Interior Designer Section
16 Landscape Architect Section
June 12 APELSCIDLA Board
July 24 APELSCIDLA Board Meeting
2 Landscape Architect Section
Aug 2 Interior Designer Section
15 Land Surveyor Section
16 Professional Engineers Section
Oct 24 Architect Section
Nov 6 Interior Designer Section
7 Landscape Architect Section
14 Professional Engineer Section

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Nancy McIntyre

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