

**IDAPA 10 - IDAHO BOARD OF LICENSURE OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS**

10.01.02 - RULES OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

DOCKET NO. 10-0102-1101

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING - PROPOSED RULE

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5221(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Section 54-1208, Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: A public hearing concerning this rulemaking will be held as follows:

Wednesday, July 13, 2011 - 9:00 a.m.

**1510 E. Watertower St.
Meridian, ID 83642**

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

1. Reduced from 60 to 20 the number of days which a license holder has to respond to notification of discovery of a material discrepancy by another license holder;
2. Provide for an exception to the rule requiring license holders to notify other license holders of the discovery of material discrepancy if the licensee is working in the employ of an attorney as an expert witness;
3. Provide for a two-staged process of notification of discovery of material discrepancy, first informally, then in writing, and make notification to the Board optional rather than mandatory if the discoverer does not receive a response that answers the concerns of the discoverer; and
4. Establish a limitation on the amount of time that can pass following discovery of an event for the Board to accept an affidavit of complaint.

FEE SUMMARY: The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased:

There is no fee associated with this proposed rule.

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year as a result of this rulemaking:

There is no impact to the state general fund or to the dedicated fund of the Board.

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING: Pursuant to Section 67-5220(1), Idaho Code, negotiated rulemaking was conducted. The Notice of Intent to Promulgate Rules - Negotiated Rulemaking was published in the [May 4, 2011 Idaho Administrative Bulletin, Vol. 11-5, Page 53](#).

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE: Pursuant to Section 67-5229(2)(a), Idaho Code, the following is a brief synopsis of why the materials cited are being incorporated by reference into this rule:

No materials are cited as being incorporated by reference into this rule.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, contact David L. Curtis, P.E., Executive Director at dave.curtis@ipels.idaho.gov or at (208) 373-7210.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before July 27, 2011.

DATED this 9th day of June, 2011.

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE PROPOSED TEXT OF DOCKET NO. 10-0102-1101

005. RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC.

01. Primary Obligation. All Licensees and Certificate Holders shall at all times recognize their primary obligation is to protect the safety, health and welfare of the public in the performance of their professional duties. (5-8-09)

02. Standard of Care. Each Licensee and Certificate Holder shall exercise such care, skill and diligence as others in that profession ordinarily exercise under like circumstances. (3-29-10)

03. Professional Judgment. If any Licensee's or Certificate Holder's professional judgment is overruled under circumstances where the safety, health and welfare of the public are endangered, the Licensee or Certificate Holder shall inform the employer or client of the possible consequences and, where appropriate, notify the Board or such other authority of the situation. (5-8-09)

04. Obligation to Communicate Discovery of Discrepancy. Except as provided in the Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure 26(b)(4)(B), ~~if~~ a Licensee or Certificate Holder, during the course of his work, discovers a material discrepancy, error, or omission in the work of another Licensee or Certificate Holder, which may impact the health, property and welfare of the public, the discoverer shall make a reasonable effort to inform, ~~in writing,~~ the Licensee or Certificate Holder whose work is believed to contain the discrepancy, error or omission. Such communication shall reference specific codes, standards or physical laws which are believed to be violated and identification of documents which are believed to contain the discrepancies. The Licensee or Certificate Holder whose work is believed to contain the discrepancy shall respond ~~in writing~~ within ~~sixty twenty~~ (~~6~~20) calendar days to any question about his work raised by another Licensee or Certificate Holder. In the event a response is not received within twenty (20) days, the discoverer shall notify the Licensee or Certificate Holder in writing, who shall have another twenty (20) days to respond. Failure to respond on the part of the Licensee or Certificate Holder whose work is believed to contain the discrepancy shall be considered a violation of these rules and may subject the Licensee or Certificate Holder to disciplinary action by the Board. The discoverer ~~shall may~~ notify the Board in the event a response ~~satisfactory to the discoverer~~ that does not answer the concerns of the discoverer is not obtained within ~~sixty~~ the second twenty (~~6~~20) days. (5-8-09)()

05. Obligation to Comply with Rules of Continuing Professional Development. All Licensees shall comply with the requirements contained in IDAPA 10.01.04, "Rules of Continuing Professional Development." (5-8-09)

(BREAK IN CONTINUITY OF SECTIONS)

011. RULE AND STATUTE VIOLATIONS.

01. Affidavits for Rule and Statute Violations. Any person who believes that a Licensee or Certificate Holder by his actions, or failure to properly act, is guilty of fraud, deceit, negligence, incompetence, misconduct, or violation of these rules, or any applicable statute, may file a written affidavit with the Executive Director of the Board which shall be sworn to or affirmed under penalty of perjury, signed and in which the alleged rule and statute violations shall be clearly set forth and that the applicable Licensee or Certificate Holder, or both, should be considered for the appropriate disciplinary action by the Board. Following the receipt of such affidavit, the Board may investigate, hold hearings and adjudicate the charges. ~~Proceedings shall be exempt from all statutes of limitations.~~ The Board will not accept an affidavit more than two (2) years after discovery of the matter by the complainant. (3-29-10)()

02. Investigation of Statute or Rule Violations. The Board may, at its own discretion, initiate investigation of alleged or possible statute or rule violations that have come to its attention. (5-3-03)