IN THE MATTER OF THE ENGINEERS AND GEOScientISTS ACT
R.S.B.C., 1996, c. 116, as amended

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IN THE MATTER OF ALFRED WEBSTER TRASK, P.Eng.

CONSENT ORDER


WHEREAS Alfred Webster Trask, P.Eng. ("Mr. Trask"), was served with a Notice of Inquiry dated February 24, 2012 that contained the following allegation:

AND TAKE NOTICE that the allegation against you is that contrary to the Act, you have demonstrated unprofessional conduct by your design and field reviews for a sewerage system for a property on [redacted] Road, Mission, B.C., ("System") filed with the Fraser Health Authority which did not meet the requirements of the B.C. Sewerage Regulation (326/2004). In particular, contrary to appropriate practice and/or the Sewerage System Standard Practice Manual ("SPM") you did one or more of the following:

(a) failed to undertake the appropriate investigation of the soils and groundwater at the site of the proposed System;

(b) designed the System as a Type 1 gravity feed in-ground trench system;

(c) omitted required information on the site plan for the System;

(d) specified an improperly sized dispersal pipes for the System;

(e) omitted required information on the trenches and infiltrators in your design of the System;

(f) omitted required design information and anchorage for the unspecified Canwest Polyethylene tank in your design of the System;
(g) failed to conduct appropriate or any field reviews of the installation of the System; and

(h) failed to submit to the Fraser Health Authority a Letter of Certification for the System within 30 days of construction of the system.

AND WHEREAS the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia ("Association") and Mr. Trask wish to resolve this matter by consent in order to avoid the need for a disciplinary inquiry.

AND WHEREAS Mr. Trask admits the allegation in the Notice of Inquiry.

THEREFORE by consent, this Order is hereby made, pursuant to the Act, specifically s. 32.1.

(a) Mr. Trask is hereby reprimanded;

(b) Mr. Trask will resign his membership in the Association by no later than September 30, 2012 and up to that point will restrict his practice to the Cariboo;

(c) For any existing or new sewerage system projects, Mr. Trask shall have his services peer reviewed by a professional engineer approved in writing and in advance by the Registrar of the Association in accordance with the Council Policy on Discipline Committee Ordered Peer Reviews (the "Peer Reviewer"). The requirement for peer reviews shall continue until Mr. Trask resigns his membership in the Association. The cost of the Peer Reviewer shall be borne by Mr. Trask. The Peer Reviewer shall report in writing to the Registrar of the Association on the reviews every three months and shall report in writing to the Association’s Discipline Committee at the conclusion of the peer review period. The cost for all Peer Reviewer reports shall be borne by Mr. Trask. Mr. Trask shall provide to the Peer Reviewer regular updates to his project list during the peer review period;

(d) If a peer reviewer is not appointed in accordance with paragraph (c) prior to the reference date of this Order, or if the services of the Peer Reviewer cease for any reason, Mr. Trask shall immediately transfer all his projects to another professional engineer approved in writing and in advance by the Registrar;

(e) Mr. Trask shall pay the Association’s legal costs, including disbursements and taxes, in this matter up to the reference date of this Consent Order, up to a maximum of $3,500.00. Such costs will be payable within 60 days of the reference date of this Consent Order; and

(f) If Mr. Trask fails to comply with any of conditions (b), (c), (d) or (e) of this Consent Order, his membership in the Association shall be suspended until every default has been remedied in accordance with the terms of this Consent Order.
This Consent Order has the same force and effect as an Order made under section 33(2) of the Act and may be dealt with under section 34 of the Act if conditions in the Consent Order are not met.

This Consent Order is approved and accepted by Mr. Trask and a member of the Discipline Committee this 15th day of May, 2012.

Witness

Alfred Webster Trask, P.Eng.

Roy Wares, P.Eng.
Chair, Discipline Committee