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**Enforcement Action Summary****George Goobanoff**

The Board for Geologist and Geophysicists (Board) issued a Citation and Fine of \$2,500 on November 14, 2008 to Mr. George Goobanoff for violation of sections 7872(a) and 7872(h) of the Business and Professions Code (unlicensed professional practice of geology). Mr. Goobanoff prepared an environmental work plan entitled “Work Plan,” (Plan) dated May 14, 2008 signed as “George Goobanoff, R.E.A., C.E.I., C.E.M, C.I.A.Q.S., C.M.I., C.M.S.”

The professional geologic work conducted by Mr. Goobanoff at the above-referenced site included the presentation of interpretations of geologic material beneath the site such as the description of soil types and the presence or absence of groundwater (e.g., Mr. Goobanoff made interpretive statements regarding the extent of contaminated soil beneath the site and proposed remedial activities to excavate the contaminated soil as well as methods to collect verification soil samples). The geologic work performed by Mr. Goobanoff to create the Plan must be conducted by (or under the direct supervision of) a licensed California Professional Geologist.¹

Board records show that Mr. Goobanoff did not hold a valid registration as a Professional Geologist on or about the time of the Plan submittal. Therefore, at all times relevant Mr. Goobanoff was not licensed to practice geology or offer to practice geology for others in the State of California.²

The aforementioned Plan signed by Mr. Goobanoff demonstrates that he practiced geology in the State of California without a valid California Professional Geologist license. Consequently, Mr. Goobanoff violated Business and Professions Code section 7872(a) when he engaged in the practice of geology without a license. These violations constitute grounds for disciplinary action under Business and Professions Code section 7872(a) and section 7872(h).

In accordance with section 125.9(d) of the Business and Professions Code, payment of the fine does not constitute admission of the violation charged and represents satisfactory resolution of the matter. Mr. Goobanoff agreed to pay the fine and the case was therefore closed on June 16, 2009.

¹ Mr. Goobanoff maintains Registered Environmental Assessor (REA) No. 00194. Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 52(f) states in part: All engineering or geologic work shall be performed by a registered professional in compliance with the requirements of the Professional Engineers Act, Business and Professions Code sections 6700-6799 and the Geologist and Geophysicists Act, Business and Professions Code sections 7800-7887.

² The Legislature of the State of California having found and declared that: (a) unlicensed activity in the professions and vocations regulated by the Department of Consumer Affairs is a threat to the health, welfare, and safety of the people of the State of California. (b) The law enforcement agencies of the state should have sufficient, effective, and responsible means available to enforce the licensing laws of the state. (c) The criminal sanction for unlicensed activity should be swift, effective, appropriate, and create a strong incentive to obtain a license. (Business and Professions Code §145)