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**REGISTERED
ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSORS II**

The Board is continuing its dialogue with the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) regarding the potential for unlicensed practice of geology by Registered Environmental Assessors who do not possess a license to practice geology or civil engineering. Please continue to check the Board's website for updated information.

**BOARD SUNSET
AUTHORIZATION
EXTENDED TO 2005**

Governor Davis signed SB 2028 (Figueroa, Chapter 393) on September 8, 2000, extending the Board's Sunset date. The bill goes into effect January 1, 2001.

The Geologist and Geophysicists Act provides for the licensing and regulation of geologists and geophysicists by the Board. The provisions creating the Board and authorizing the Board to appoint an Executive Officer will become inoperative on July 1, 2005, and would be repealed on January 1, 2006. This is an extension of the Board's previous Sunset dates, which were July 1, 2001, and January 1, 2002.

The bill changes the name of the Board to the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists, effective January 1, 2001.

**ON-DEMAND
TESTING**

Board has begun negotiations with the Office of Examination Resources (OER) to begin on-demand testing by Fall 2001 for the California-Specific portion of the Registered Geologist licensing examination.

Currently, OER has a Master Services Agreement with Experior Assessments, LLC (Experior) to administer several computerized examinations for various boards and bureaus within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Applicants for a Registered Geologist license would be able to utilize any of Experior's nine California Testing Centers (Diamond Bar, Sacramento, San Diego, Alameda, Colton, Norwalk, Fresno, San Jose, and Encino), as well as some out-of-state testing centers, by the Fall of 2001.



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AB 2644 SIGNED INTO LAW

Governor Davis recently signed Assembly Bill 2644 (Calderon, Chapter 443) that modifies existing law regarding environmental investigation and cleanup requirements for new school sites. The bill was adopted with an urgency clause and therefore is effective immediately.

The new law expands the definition of "environmental assessor" to allow California Registered Geologists and Certified Engineering Geologists with specific experience to conduct Phase I site assessments and Preliminary Endangerment Assessments for school districts. The entire text of the chaptered bill is available on the Official California Legislative Information website at www.leginfo.ca.gov.

BOARD MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS

January 26, 2001
Sacramento

April 20, 2001
Sacramento

July 20, 2001
Sacramento

September 28-29, 2001
Sacramento

December 7, 2001
Sacramento

ASBOG

The Board administered the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) examination for licensure as a Registered Geologist on September 15, 2000, in Sacramento and Carson, California. This was the Board's second administration of the national examination for geologists.

The Board's Vice-President, Dorene Dominguez, voted on behalf of the State of California at ASBOG's annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, during the week of October 10-15, 2000.

