

BOARD FOR GEOLOGISTS AND GEOPHYSICISTS



ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Board for Geologists and Geophysicists cited Mark M. Papineau, a Registered Environmental Assessor (R.E.A.), for unlicensed activity pursuant to section 7832 and 7872(a) of the Business and Professions Code (Geologist and Geophysicist Act) and fined him \$2,500.

The citation charged that Mr. Papineau engaged in unlicensed professional practice at an underground storage tank site and provided inaccurate geologic information to local county officials. That information was used as evidence to support a decision to deny closure of the site. However, subsequent professional evaluation determined that Papineau's findings were incorrect and the decision to keep the site open was reversed.

Mr. Papineau agreed to pay the fine. Section 125.9(d) of the Business and Professions Code specifies that payment of the fine does not constitute admission of the violation and represents satisfactory resolution of the matter.

FALL EXAMS

The Board of Registration for Geologists and Geophysicists administered licensing exams on September 14, 2001, in Sacramento and Carson.

The numbers of people taking the exams were:

- Registered Geologist Examinations — 176
- Certified Engineering Geologist Examination — 46
- Certified Hydrogeologist Examination — 23

Results for the Certified Engineering Geologist and Certified Hydrogeologist examinations were mailed on October 19, 2001. The results for the Registered Geologist examination will be mailed as soon as the results are received from the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) in mid-November.

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

The Board's Enforcement Oversight Committee met on Thursday, November 1, 2001. The Enforcement Oversight Committee reviewed closed enforcement cases for accuracy in handling by Board staff and made suggestions regarding overall enforcement policy.

The Examination Committee met on Friday, November 2, 2001. The Examination Committee made a final review of the examinations to be used in Spring 2002 (Friday, March 15, 2002) and discussed the progress of the Board's occupational analysis of the Registered Geophysicist license. The Department of Consumer Affairs Office of Examination Resources is assisting the Board with the analysis.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF GEOLOGY ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the national Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) was held in Pittsburgh, Penn., on October 10-13, 2001. ASBOG President Frank Turek of Arizona confirmed that a performance audit of ASBOG finances for fiscal year 2001 would be conducted in 2002. An updated and revised version of ASBOG's Charter and By-Laws was approved with amendments. Also, the Council of Examiners met for several days to work on test questions for the national examination for geologists. Board Vice President Seena Hoose voted on behalf of the State of California during the General Session that was held on Saturday, October 13.