

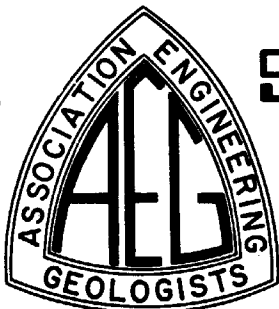
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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SECTION

newsletter

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AUGUST MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, August 13, 1985 (2nd Tuesday)

PLACE: Stevens Steak House
5332 Stevens Place
Commerce (T.G. 52 F2)

COST: \$ 13.00 (Tip included)

RESERVATIONS: Jeff Holt & Associates
805-522-5174
Please make reservations by noon on previous
friday.

TIME: 5:30 Social Hour
6:30 Dinner
7:30 AEG Business
8:00 Speaker
9:00 Section Affairs, if scheduled

SPEAKER: Bruce Bauman
American Petroleum Institute, Washington D.C.

Bruce will present an overview talk on the prevention, detection, investigation, recovery, and clean-up of hydrocarbon leaks from underground storage tanks. Bruce has received a Bachelors degree from the University of Wisconsin and a PHD in soil science from Montana State University. The emphasis of his studies have been in the fields of soil and water chemistry, pollution, and shallow groundwater systems.

ATTENTION The State Board of Registration for Geologists and Geophysicists has recently compiled criteria for establishing negligence. These criteria are intended to be used to determine whether a geological or geophysical report evidences negligence. Hugh Robertson has received a copy of these criteria and is looking for comments from members at this upcoming meeting. Please try to attend and voice your opinion.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Woodward-Clyde Consultants are interviewing engineering geologists with the following qualifications: Minimum of a Masters degree, preferably in engineering geology or geological engineering; 8 to 15 yrs. of experience; California certified engineering geologist; and a strong background in rock and soil mechanics and seismic geology. Interested professionals should send resumes to Mr. Tom Freeman, Woodward-Clyde Consultants, 203 North Golden Circle Dr., Santa Ana, CA 92705 (714) 835-6886

BCL Associates is currently accepting resumes for a geologist/hydrogeologist. The minimum qualifications are: California State Registration, 3-5 yrs. experience in groundwater and hazardous waste technology. Send resumes to BCL Associates, P.O. Box 162, 405 East 3rd. Street, Long Beach, CA 90802, Attention: Nancy Gilbertson

Dunhill (The National Personnel System) is accepting resumes for a Certified Engineering Geologist. The firm they represent is seeking a CEG (or geologist eligible within one year) with 5 years of experience as consultant in ground water pollution studies and development. Good communication skills. Will be #2 man. Send resumes to 3801 N.W. 63rd, Suite 100, Oklahoma City,) OK 73116, Attn: K. Eakin.

BULLETINS

This new section of the newsletter is intended to act as a bulletin board on which members can post items of interest to the local section. We feel that members are keenly interested in the changes in professional status or employment location of their colleagues. This is not gossip. This is keeping abreast of the industry. If you have news which may be of interest please send it in. As space and good taste permit it will be inserted here.

Converse Consultants announces that Dr. David A. Sommers has joined their San Francisco office as principal hydrogeologist. Dr. Sommers will be responsible for the technical management of hydrogeological investigations such as groundwater contamination studies, water quality evaluations, and water supply development projects for industrial and governmental clients throughout the U.S.

Richard C. Slade, Consulting Geologist, has recently returned from a 23 day Geology Summer Study Tour of Iceland and Norway. Volcanism, rifting, glaciation, and nappe structures were the principal geologic elements studied on the trip. There must be some interesting stories, yes?

Leighton and Associates, Inc. has recently appointed Mr. Rod Weick as Senior Associate Engineering Geologist for their San Diego Office. Mr. Weick brings to the company a wide background which includes experience in highway construction, hillside development and Quaternary tectonics.

Dr. James E. Slosson of Slosson and Associates is scheduled to present a paper at the Natural Hazards Research Workshop at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado, on July 9, 1985. The title is "Government Appears to be Failing in Enforcement".

STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR GEOLOGISTS
CRITERIA FOR THE EVALUATION OF NEGLIGENCE
IN THE PREPARATION OF GEOLOGICAL OR GEOPHYSICAL REPORTS*

BACKGROUND

In 1982, the Board added negligence as a grounds for seeking disciplinary action against a licensee. Negligence has been defined as the omission to do something which a reasonable man, guided by those considerations which ordinarily regulate the conduct of human affairs, would do, or the doing of something which a prudent and reasonable man would not do. It results whenever a person fails to exhibit the care which he or she ought to exhibit, whether it be slight, ordinary, or great. Negligence signifies want of care, caution, attention, diligence or discretion in one having no positive intention to injure. Negligence is not synonymous with incompetency since the competent may be negligent.

Negligence is determined by establishing that the professional in question failed to perform in accordance with the prevailing standard of care. The standard of care is defined by the degree of competency and prudence in practice that is reasonable to expect of a member of the profession in good standing. The prevailing standard of care is defined in each case on the basis of testimony by similarly qualified professionals in good standing.

CRITERIA

The Board has developed criteria to determine whether a geological or geophysical report evidences negligence. The Board's expert witnesses will grade submitted reports as either sufficient or deficient for each of the following criteria:


1. Is the scope-of-work appropriate to the purpose of the report?
2. Are necessary data included in the report? Any key data omitted.
3. Has relevant prior work in the locality - published or in the public record - been utilized?
4. Have special conditions been adequately considered?
5. Have tests and investigations been conducted, analyzed, and reported according to accepted standards?
6. Are the conclusions consistent with the data and analysis?

THE REGISTRATION BOARD WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT THESE CRITERIA TO ASSIST IN EVALUATING NEGLIGENCE. THEY ARE TO BE USED BY THE EXPERTS HIRED BY THE BOARD TO EVALUATE A PROFESSIONAL UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE. PRIOR TO ADOPTING THE CRITERIA, THE BOARD WOULD LIKE THE COMMENTS AND INPUT FROM AEG AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES. BRING YOUR THOUGHTS AND INPUT TO THE MEETING TO DISCUSS THIS IMPORTANT TOPIC. ARE THESE FAIR? DO YOU WANT TO BE EVALUATED BY THE MESSY STANDARDS NOW USED IN THE CIVIL COURTS. DO YOU CARE?

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