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From: Dr. Bill Adams [mailto:adamsw661@comcast.net]

Sent: Monday, May 25, 2009 10:15 AM

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Subject: Fw: Comments on Proposed Rulemaking for 49 PA. Code Ch 37 (Reference No. 16A-4710 (continuing

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(sorry - previous email did not have reference number)

## Dear Sir/Madam:

The following are my comments on the proposed rulemaking for 49 PA. Code Ch. 37 Reference No. 16A-4710 Continuing Education:

- 1. There is a real need to consider those of us with dual registrations. Many of the courses I have taken over the years are applicable to both my PE and PG; however, if the provider is expected to separately file and pay for both the engineering and geologists certifications, I would doubt that many would do both. Please establish some sort of combined certification process.
- 2. Most states allow for credit for writing papers. This should be allowed under the proposed rules if the paper is published by a professional organization in the appropriate displine(s).
- 3. My employer, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, provides very little if any support for continuing education for individuals at my level. You are putting many of us, in comparison to those in the private sector, at an extreme disadvantage particularly when you don't allow credit for such financially affordable activities as attendance at professional society meetings.

## Sincerely,

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"When good men do nothing, evil triumphs" - Edmund Burke

"If you have integrity, nothing else matters; if you don't have integrity, nothing else matters." - Alan Simpson

"Take nothing on its looks; take everything on evidence. There's no better rule." -- Charles Dickens

"Success is more permanent when you achieve it without destroying your principles." - Walter Cronkite

"Be certain that he who has betrayed thee once will betray thee again." - Johann Kaspar Lavater

"To every man there is a point fixed, beyond which if he passes, he will not easily return." - Samuel Johnson

"If you can't explain it simply, you don't understand it well enough" - Albert Einstein

"Corruption is like a ball of snow, once it's set a rolling it must increase." - Charles Caleb Colton