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Dear People

I read the material but did not specifically find out how many Continuing Education Credits (C E ) will be required for renewal of existing licenses except that more than 24 hours can not be carried over

If from the above I assume that 24 hours per biennial renewal period are required I have the following comments

- 1 Courses from pre approved providers may be difficult for out of state licensees to attend if they are concentrated in Pennsylvania
- 2 Illinois requires 30 hours of C E per biennial but does not require that the providers be preapproved only that the courses are relevant to the practice of engineering
- 3 Florida requires courses by preapproved providers but requires only 8 hours of C E of which 4 must be a laws rules and ethics course The Florida Civil Engineering Society is approved and provides these courses in a full day Many approved on-line providers are approved for both the required Laws Rules and Ethics course as well as a vast number of engineering practice courses Many out of state people requested assistance in using non-preapproved providers but the Department of Regulation stated that since so few hours were required and on-line courses were available they declined to change any requirements

I suggest that the State of Pennsylvania coordinate with the State of Florida to combine as many preapproved providers for Continuing Education for both on-site and on-line as possible that can be used for **both or either** State registration From personal experience I have had to travel many miles out of Florida to take continuing education courses in my field (Chemical Engineering) for approval I try to cover all my Illinois 30 hours with Florida approved courses so there is no question of their applicability toward C E credit Florida has the further requirement that a course can not be duplicated in subsequent biennial period Since Florida's requirement is only 4 hours (The Laws Rules Ethics course is exempt from duplication since it is required to be DUPLICATED in the biennium) the Florida Board refused to waive the duplication (or non-duplication) requirement I would hope you will allow duplication with a skip in biennial renewals After all we can all learn something new from taking a course over or learn something more completely

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