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**From:** Jim Federlein [mailto:jimf@federlein.eng.pro]  
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I just read the Summer 2009 Board Newsletter article titled "Board to Promulgate Continuing Education Regulations". The current state of this was not clear to me from the article. At one point it says "... published this rulemaking as proposed in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on May 2, 2009, beginning a 30-day public comment period." This period has obviously long expired but the article is requesting comments.

As both a consultant and an instructor of continuing education courses, I understand and am a proponent of the requirement for continuing education for continued licensure. I also understand the need for the Board to approve the continuing education courses that meet the requirements of these regulations and I understand that this is a rather large undertaking. My only concern is for those of us who practice in more specialized areas, such as in my particular case automation and control engineering. Will the Board pre-approval of continuing education courses be of sufficient breadth to include courses of interest to those of us in specialized areas or will it be limited to courses of a more general interest? I would hope that those of us practicing in more specialized areas are not faced with having to obtain pre-approval of every continuing education course because the Board is only pre-approving courses of more general

interest. Even if the Board pre-approves a list of continuing education providers, the providers of more specialized courses of interest to those of us in specialized areas may not be included in that list.

Respectfully,

James H. Federlein, P.E.