

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Agencies Dealing with Geological Information

FROM: Barbara Cooper
Chairman, Board of Registration for Professional Geologists

SUBJECT: Geologic Interpretation and Analysis

DATE January 8, 2010

It has been brought to our attention that there are geologists and other individuals who are submitting reports containing geologic interpretation and analysis to various state agencies. Enclosed is a copy of Arkansas Code Annotated 17-32-301 (c), (d), which requires geologists engaged in public practice in Arkansas to be registered with the state.

When a geologist is granted registration in Arkansas they are issued a stamp, which should be used when they submit reports and documents. This stamp indicates to all readers that the work was prepared by a Professional Geologist who has met all of the qualifications and requirements of the state for the public practice of the profession of geology and is lawfully registered to practice said profession.

Please notify all staff within your agency involved in reviewing reports containing geologic interpretation and analysis that it is to be rejected if it does not have the stamp of a registered Professional Geologist. Attached is a complaint form that should be used to notify the Board of Registration for Professional Geologists if a violation of this requirement is suspected. If you are unsure whether the information requires geologic interpretation, the Board will be glad to assist you in making this determination.

In addition, the Board will periodically FOI documents from agencies to ensure that the law is being adhered to.

The Board appreciates your cooperation in helping us monitor the geological practice and the registration process of geologists within the state. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Raper, Administrator for the Board of Registration for Professional Geologists at 501-683-0150.

