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Seminar

Ethics in Engineering

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Abstract

Ethical standards and codes for the guidance of professional conduct of engineers will be discussed. Practically, all engineering organizations have adopted individual codes each having similar provisions and characteristics. The engineering profession has long recognized its responsibility and commitment to provide facilities and services that benefit the general public. Public trust that is placed in the skills of the engineer assumes that the professional is guided by definite rules.

Recent news concerning questionable activities of professional engineers, contrary to the canons of engineering code of ethics, has eroded the public trust. In the past, the profession has taken steps to restore the good name of engineers with action against guilty parties. It remains to be seen how these recent events and the individuals involved will be addressed by engineering societies and their members.