



MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS

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L. Wayne Williams II, RPG, Executive Director

Dear Sir or Madam:

You recently contacted the Board's office/web site concerning a complaint you have against a Registered Professional Geologist. We have prepared this packet to assist you in your consideration of that action.

The Board is authorized by state law to regulate the practice of geology in the state of Mississippi. If a non-registrant publicly practices geology, professes to be a "geologist" or "Registered Professional Geologist" by the use of letterhead, business card, etc., the Board is authorized to pursue legal action against the non-registrant. The Board is authorized to take disciplinary action against a registrant for violations of the registration law or violations of the Rules and Regulations of the Board, including the Code of Ethics/Professional Conduct. Please further note that in accordance with Mississippi State law, any person who may bring before or to the Board a complaint shall not be liable for any action which may be taken against them for civil damages.

The Board's authority does not extend to matters such as contract disputes, disagreements over fees, etc. These are civil matters to be addressed by a civil court if necessary. For instance, if a geologist exercises due and reasonable care in conducting a project, yet he makes an error, this is a civil matter. However, if a geologist is grossly negligent in the performance of their work and there is sufficient evidence, then the Board will consider a formal charge against that geologist.

We would encourage you to attempt to resolve any dispute you may have with a registrant. However, if you decide to proceed with a complaint, please complete the enclosed form and submit it to the Board office. Sincerely,

L. Wayne Williams II, RPG
Executive Director

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COMPLAINT FORM

<p><i>BOARD OFFICE USE ONLY - DO NOT ENTER INFORMATION HERE</i></p> <p>COMPLAINT NUMBER: 20__ - ____</p> <p>Date Complaint Filed: _____</p> <p>Initial Review by: _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Board Member Name</i></p> <p>Initial Recommendation: _____</p>
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1. Complaint:

I, _____
(Name)

(Address)

Telephone Numbers: **(Home)** _____

(Work) _____

wish to file a complaint against: _____

2. Name of Subject:

(Name)

(Address)

Telephone Numbers:

(Home)

(Work)

3. The individual is:

_____ Registered Professional Geologist - Reg. No. _____ (if known)

_____ Unlicensed

4. My complaint is regarding:

_____ Service _____ Unlicensed Practice

_____ An issue, incident or violation or the statute of rules:

MS Law Section 73-63-_____

Rule Number _____

Other (explain): _____

5. Details of Complaint: (Please complete where applicable)

Date of Transaction: _____

Amount involved: \$ _____

Did you make a complaint to the individual involved? _____

How? _____ Telephone Date(s): _____

_____ Regular Mail Date(s): _____

_____ Certified Mail Date(s): _____

Person(s) you complained to:

How you entered into litigation regarding this matter? _____

Do you anticipate litigation regarding this matter? _____

May we forward a copy of this form to the subject of the complaint? _____

(Please indicate yes or no and initial response)

6. Briefly describe your complaint, attach additional, numbered and signed sheets if necessary:
