

Montana Board News

Board of Professional Engineers & Land Surveyors

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Highlights from the May 2019 Board meeting

- The Board approved the following applications at its May 7, 2019 Board meeting:
PE : 1 (Comity) LS : 6 (1 Exam; 5 Comity) EI: 2
- The Board declared one PE by exam applicant eligible to sit for the NCEES PE exam. Upon passage, the applicant will receive a probationary license with conditions.
- The Board adopted its latest rules proposal as proposed and without amendments. The changes to rules are largely housekeeping in nature but include:
 - Adding "three credits of survey drafting" to the definition of "Board-approved curricula" for land surveying applicants in ARM 24.183.303.
 - Clarifying that the requirement that a licensed PE teach (or be in responsible charge of) advanced engineering subjects applies only to courses taught within the state of Montana.
 - Changing the term "dual licensee" to "Engineer-Surveyor" in multiple rules to match the license designation for individuals licensed as both a PE and a PLS.
 - Clarifying that a holder of a Certificate of Authorization cannot offer engineering or land surveying services without a Montana licensee in responsible charge and removing a requirement that the CoA be "surrendered" in that circumstance.
 - Requiring that applicants for PLS licensure submit at least one certificate of survey or subdivision plat among their required exhibits.
 - Clarifying that "professional" (post-licensure) experience reported by PE and PLS applicants "by comity" does not have to be under the supervision of another licensee.

A message from the Department

As a member of the built industry, the Montana Department of Labor & Industry wants to remind you about the dangers of using compressed air through PVC pipe. We care about the health and safety of Montana's workforce and strive to make sure workers come home safely after their shift ends.

When used with compressed air, PVC pipe can become brittle, burst, and cause physical damage to equipment and people.

PVC pipe manufacturers specify that the material is not suitable for compressed air and does not meet the intended manufactured use.

Using PVC pipe for compressed air is citable under the General Duty Clause 5(a)(1) of the OSH Act. The only exceptions are when the PVC pipe is buried underground or encased in a suitable material.

For more information about PVC and compressed air, or to schedule your free safety consultation, contact the Montana Safety Bureau at (406) 444-6401.

Upcoming Board Events

- **Board of PELS meeting**
301 S. Park Ave., Helena
Tuesday, August 27 at 9:00 a.m.
 - **Board of PELS meeting**
301 S. Park Ave., Helena
Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 9 :00 a.m.
- If needed, Screening and Adjudication Panels will occur prior to the full Board meetings.
- **NCEES Annual Meeting**
Washington, D.C.
August 14-17



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