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## The Texas Board of Professional Engineers Quarterly e-Newsletter March 2, 2016

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### Board Meeting Update

The Texas Board of Professional Engineers Quarterly Board and Committee Meetings were held February 10-11, 2016. Highlights include the following:

- **Decoupling P.E. Exam from Experience**

At the Regular Board meeting, the Board approved rules to allow for the 'decoupling' of the experience requirements for licensure and the approval to take the PE exam. These rules will officially be implemented in May 2016. **EITs do not need to do anything at this time.** Stay tuned to the TBPE website and watch emails for further updates.

This change will allow a Texas Engineer in Training (EIT) to register for the PE exam prior to meeting the full experience requirement. The May implementation date means the new system will be in effect for the upcoming October 2016 PE exam but will not be applicable for the April 2016 exam. Additional information and FAQs on decoupling can be found at: <http://engineers.texas.gov/decoupling.html>

- **Board Rule Changes**

- **4 year Rule review**

The Board is undergoing the mandatory four year rule review process and has posted Board rule chapters 131, 133, 135, 137, and 139 for public comment. Please see <http://engineers.texas.gov/proposed.htm> to comment on any rule changes needed.

- **Policy Advisory #39 - On-Farm Energy Audits**

The Board approved the final version of Policy Advisory Opinion (PAO #39) regarding On-Farm Energy Audits. Refer to: <http://engineers.texas.gov/policy.htm#pao39>

- **Video Clips**

Viewing these recordings qualifies for continuing education credit under the category of self-directed study. A maximum of five credit hours may be accrued for self-directed study. Stream video of the Board Meeting by clicking on the link at <http://engineers.texas.gov/recordings.htm>.

- **Disciplinary Actions**

All enforcement actions approved in the board meeting are posted on the TBPE website. Enforcement actions are reported based on the date of the board meeting at which the actions were taken. Refer to:

<http://engineers.texas.gov/disciplinary.htm>

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## Webinars and Outreach

TBPE continues to offer ethics outreach presentations both in person and in a webinar format for the convenience of our licensees. The free webinars have been so well received that we are now adding additional events as needed.

- **Upcoming Ethics Webinars**  
**March 9 & March 11, 2016, 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.**  
**[Registration is Now Open](#)**

These quarterly webinars provide an up-to-date overview of agency activities, case studies, and a review of professional ethics topics. Webinars will be held approximately one month prior to each quarterly expiration date. Additional webinars are scheduled for June, September and December. Registration for these webinars will open one month prior to each event. Registration links for all webinars are posted at <http://engineers.texas.gov/webinar>.

- If you are interested in scheduling a live TBPE ethics presentation at your workplace, refer to our outreach page at: <http://engineers.texas.gov/outreach>.

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### And More:

Give us feedback on how we are doing by filling out our customer service survey. Please visit our website at <http://engineers.texas.gov/feedback> or call us for a paper survey. We want to hear your suggestions on how we can improve agency operations and service delivery.

In keeping with our efforts to modernize and increase communication with our licensees and the public, you can now follow us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and via an RSS feed. Join today!

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