

CODE OF ETHICS AND STANDARDS OF PRACTICE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS

The objectives of Environmental Professionals are to conduct their personal and professional lives and activities in an ethical manner. Honesty, justice and courtesy form a moral philosophy which, associated with a mutual interest among people, constitute the foundation of ethics. Environmental Professionals should recognize such a standard, not in passive observance, but as a set of dynamic principles guiding their conduct and way of life. It is their duty to practice their profession according to this Code of Ethics.

As the keystone of professional conduct is integrity, Environmental Professionals will discharge their duties with fidelity to the public, their employers, and clients, and with fairness and impartiality to all. It is their duty to interest themselves in public welfare, and to be ready to apply their special knowledge for the benefit of mankind and their environment.

CREED: (The objectives of an Environmental Professional is :)

1. To recognize and attempt to reconcile societal and individual human needs with responsibility for physical, natural, and cultural systems.
2. To promote and develop policies, plans, activities and projects that achieve complementary and mutual support between natural and manmade, and present and future components of the physical, natural, and cultural environment.

ETHICS: (As an Environmental Professional I will:)

1. Be personally responsible for the validity of all data collected, analyses performed, or plans developed by me or under my direction. I will be responsible and ethical in my professional activities.
2. Encourage research, planning, design, management, and review of activities in a scientifically and technically objective manner. I will incorporate the best principles of the environmental sciences for the mitigation of environmental harm and enhancement of environmental quality.
3. Not condone misrepresentation of work I have performed or that was performed under my direction.
4. Examine all of my relationships or actions which could be legitimately interpreted as a conflict of interest by clients, officials, the public, or peers. In any instance where I have a financial or personal interest in the activities with which they are directly or indirectly involved, I will make a full disclosure of that interest to my employer, clients, or other affected parties.
5. Not engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or discrimination.

6. Not accept fees wholly or partially contingent on the client's desired result where that desired result conflicts with my professional judgment.

GUIDANCE FOR PRACTICE AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONAL:

(As an Environmental Professional I will :)

1. Encourage environmental planning to begin in the earliest stages of project conceptualization.
2. Recognize that total environmental management involves the consideration of all environmental factors including: technical, economic, ecological, and sociopolitical and their interrelationships.
3. Incorporate the best principles of design and environmental planning when recommending measures to reduce environmental harm and enhance environmental quality.
4. Conduct my analysis, planning, design and review activities primarily in subject areas for which I am qualified, and shall encourage and recognize the participation of other professionals in subject areas where I am less experienced. I shall utilize and participate in interdisciplinary teams wherever practical to determine impacts, define and evaluate all reasonable alternatives to proposed actions, and assess short-term versus long-term productivity with and without the project or action.
5. Seek common, adequate, and sound technical grounds for communication with and respect for the contributions of other professionals in developing and reviewing policies, plans, activities, and projects.
6. Determine that the policies, plans, activities, or projects in which I am involved are consistent with all governing laws, ordinances, guidelines, plans, and policies, to the best of my knowledge and ability.
7. Encourage public participation at the earliest feasible time in an open and productive atmosphere.
8. Conduct my professional activities in a manner that ensures consideration of technically and economically feasible alternatives.

ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROFESSION:

(As an Environmental Professional I will :)

1. Assist in maintaining the integrity and competence of my profession.
2. Encourage education and research, and the development of useful technical information relating to the environmental field.
3. Be prohibited from lobbying in the name of the National Association of Environmental Professionals.

4. Advertise and present my services in a manner that avoids the use of materials and methods that may bring discredit to the profession.

TO GET INVOLVED (with AAEP professional development opportunities):

- Interdisciplinary Forum/Technical Seminars
- Chapter Meetings/Activities/Newsletter
- Annual Conference (AAEP and NAEP)
- Quarterly Journal, *The Environmental Professional*
- Professional and Technical Committees
- Professional Certification

AAEP IS AN INTERDISCIPLINARY ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS IN THE STATE OF ALASKA.

- A forum in which the state-of-the-art in environmental planning, research, and management is advanced.
- A focal point for objectivity, ethical standards, and technical excellence in our diverse profession.
- A medium of professional contact and information exchange among colleagues in business, government, and academe.
- A foundation for structured career development from student membership to certified environmental professional.
- A chapter of the National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP).

NAEP seeks to provide its membership, other professionals in the environmental area, and the interested public with a means for interaction and the opportunity for optimizing social and economic well-being, while assuring the achievement and maintenance of a healthy ecosystem. The NAEP is an interdisciplinary professional society of persons engaged in all aspects of the environmental process, including administration, planning, engineering, environmental law, research, and education. The criterion for general membership in the NAEP is a minimum of three years of applicable professional experience in a position of responsibility. Other membership categories are Associate, Student, and Institutional.

The NAEP exists in recognition of a growing profession and proposes a designation of those meeting qualifying standards of education, experience, and ethical practice as environmental professionals. Since 1979, the NAEP has offered a peer-reviewed certification program for environmental professionals who are especially qualified

by a combination of education, experience, and proven accomplishment.

ALASKA ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Affiliation _____

Title/Position _____

Work Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Work Telephone _____

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General Membership

AK only (\$25/yr) _____

National (\$150/yr) _____ Corporate (\$550/yr) _____

Associate (\$105/yr) _____ Student (\$40/yr) _____

Education (degree) _____

University _____

Years of professional experience _____

I subscribe to the concept of the Code of Ethical Practice of the National Association of Environmental Professionals.

Signature _____

AAEP through National Association of Environmental Professionals offers members a voluntary certification program for environmental professional's special qualified by a combination of education, and proven accomplishment. Please check box if you would like more information.

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