

Technical Circular 6/97
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To: See attached list

Subject:

Geotechnical Signature Requirements

Purpose:

In compliance with the Engineers and Geoscientists Act and Quality Management Section 14 (b) of Bylaws of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia, to establish a consistent procedure for signing off Ministry geotechnical reports, summary logs and drawings.

Background:

With organizational changes in the Ministry and in view of the Ministry's quality management initiatives, there have been concerns regarding signature requirements on drawings, summary logs and reports. It is considered that geotechnical investigation, including reporting the results, geotechnical assessment and design is the practice of professional engineering as defined in the Engineers and Geoscientists Act of B.C. Therefore, signatures (with professional seal or stamp) of the engineer responsible for the assignment and of the engineer reviewing the work would be required on the drawings and reports.

Procedure:

Preliminary and internal documentation including letter reports and drawings labeled "not for construction" must be signed but need not be sealed or stamped. All reports and all contract drawings including summary log contract drawings, must be sealed or stamped with signature and date as follows:

Design Engineer

The Project Engineer or the Engineer responsible for the production of the document.

Review Engineer

The engineer who is qualified to review the work. This may include the RGME, HQ Engineers or Engineers from other regions.

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