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Compliance and Enforcement Committee Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2012 Meeting

333 Guadalupe, Tower I, Room #1264
William P. Hobby Building, Austin, Texas

- A.** The Compliance and Enforcement Committee (C&E) meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., roll was called and quorum established. C&E members present were Dr. Thomas Hallmark, PG, PhD., Committee Chair; Dr. Chris Mathewson, PG, PE, PhD; and Justin McNamee, Public Member. Staff members Charles Horton, Executive Director; Molly Roman, Operations Manager; T. Wesley McCoy, PG, Enforcement Coordinator; Alberto Jimenez, P.G., Investigator; and Jeanne Nguyen, Enforcement Specialist were also in attendance.
- B.** The minutes from the July 13, 2012 C&E meeting were approved, as written.
- C.** No public comments were made.
- D.** Revision to existing FAQs on the TBPG website and new proposed FAQs will be discussed at the next committee meeting.
- E.** Discussion to revise §851.152(a), (b) and (c) concerning firm registration. Committee asked staff to provide the proposed revisions for the next Board meeting scheduled for January 14, 2013.
- F.** Dr. Hallmark discussed his investigation of issues relating to Academic Research and whether or not certain types of such research are exempt under Sec. 1002.252(4) of the Texas Geoscience Practice Act. Dr. Hallmark agreed to continue his investigation with Dr. Chris Mathewson providing assistance in this matter.
- G.** Enforcement staff report - Mr. Wesley McCoy provided and reviewed quarterly complaint activity summary data for the period of September 2012 through December 2012 and provided updated information regarding the proposed Memorandum of Agreement under consideration with the Texas Department of Transportation. Additionally, an update was given on the new TBPG Guidelines for Employees of State and Local Governments and the outreach for state and local governments regarding the public practice of geoscience.
- H.** The Committee will decide later the date for the next Committee meeting.
- I.** The C & E meeting adjourned at 2:54 PM.