

Ethics

- **Competence** -Licensed geologists should only undertake to perform professional services, offer an expert opinion, or advertise expertise in fields of geology in which they are qualified by education, training, experience, or licensure in the aspects or techniques specific to that branch of geology.
- **Misrepresentation** -Licensed geologists are obligated to provide an accurate representation of their professional qualifications and affiliations as well as accurately representing responsibilities and experience with regard to past projects or services. Geologists must clearly distinguish fact from opinion
- **Conflict of Interest**-The geologist should not accept compensation, monetary or otherwise, from more than one client on a project. Conflict of interest issues may be able to be mitigated by disclosure to all parties and appropriate discussion regarding the extent and impact of potential conflicts and by putting the disclosures in writing signed by all parties.
- **Confidential Information**- On one hand the licensed geologist is obligated to protect the public health, safety, property, and welfare and on the other hand is bound not to divulge confidential information.