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**BOARD PROHIBITS EXAMINEE FROM TAKING EXAM
UNTIL 2010 DUE TO CHEATING INCIDENT**

At its meeting on February 2, 2006, the Ohio State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors passed a motion to not score Mark P. Selvaraj's October 2005 Fundamentals of Engineering examination and to not allow him to take the Fundamentals of Engineering examination until October 2010. This action was based on Mr. Selvaraj's admission that he did not work independently during the examination. His action constituted violations of Ohio Revised Code Section 4733.11 (E) and 4733.20 (A) (7).

The Board initiated an investigation after receiving an irregularity report and analysis from Engineering and Land Surveying Examination Services (ELSES)- an affiliate of NCEES that administers the licensing exams for the Ohio Board- that indicated that there was a strong probability that Mr. Selvaraj shared answers with another examinee during the examination. After interviewing Mr. Selvaraj and presenting him with the evidence collected during the Board's investigation, Mr. Selvaraj admitted that he did not work independently during the exam.

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