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STATE BOARD ACCEPTS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

At its meeting on March 2, 2006, the Ohio State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors accepted a settlement agreement from **William K. McErlane of Loveland, Ohio.**

In January 2006 the Board opened an investigation after learning that William K. McErlane's registration as a professional engineer had expired on December 31, 2004, and during the time that his certificate of registration was expired he continued to engage in the practice of engineering by providing review and approval of architectural and engineering plans in the capacity of Building Official for the City of Springdale, Ohio. Engaging in the unlicensed practice of engineering constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Sections 4733.02, 4733.20 (A)(5) and 4733.22. Mr. McErlane agreed to pay a \$3,000.00 fine, agreed that the Board would not reinstate his professional engineer registration until July 20, 2006 and that in the future he will annually renew his certificate of registration on or before the last day of December each year.

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