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Good Morning everyone,

I apologize for the delay in our response...very busy last week with strategic planning and board meeting. Below are our comments related to this proposal.

Generally speaking, we do not foresee any issue with the proposal including licensed Fire Protection Engineers as you proposed. However, we do have concerns associated with the manner in which some of the language is used in terms of being vague in authority of licensure.

Whenever, the term “engineer” is used to refer to an individual, that term should read as “professional engineer” so that it is consistent with the PE Act and your organization’s desire to require an individual be licensed. Professional Engineer or PE are protected titles in law while the same cannot be said about “engineer”.

Next, the first paragraph under 7-115(a) requires that “...*the architect or professional engineer in responsible charge for a project shall sign every sheet of the drawings, and the title sheet, cover sheet or signature sheet of the specifications and reports.*” This language should include the requirement for the professional engineer to also apply their seal (stamp) and date of signing in addition to the signature for consistency with the PE Act and Board Rules and consistently with how it is currently written in 7-115(b) “...shall sign and affix their professional stamp...”

7-115(a)2. – The term “...*predominately of the kind normally performed by...*” should be revised to read “...where the work is legally authorized to be performed by, or under the responsible charge of, mechanical, electrical, or fire protection engineers.” “legally authorized to perform” leaves no wiggle room as to what the individual engineers are authorized to do.

7-115(b)2. - Same comments as above for 7115(a)2.

7-115(c)2. – Similar comment as above for 7-115(a)2 and (b)2; Suggest “The work does not legally require a licensed architect or professional engineer.”

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments and we look forward to monitoring how these changes progress through the process. Please let us know we can be of any further assistance on this or to your office.

Ric Moore
Executive Officer