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### **BOARD ISSUES FINAL ORDERS IN TWO CASES**

At its meeting on March 10, 2005 the Ohio State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors revoked the Professional Engineer registration of **Gregory R. Weis** and suspended the Professional Surveyor registration of **Ralph M. Gugar** for two (2) years, with that suspension stayed pending compliance with conditions ordered by the Board.

On November 30, 2004 the Board, through its Hearing Officer, conducted an adjudication hearing concerning Gregory R. Weis, a resident of Maumee, Ohio. On or about October 4, 2000, Mr. Weis was convicted in Franklin County, Ohio Court of Common Pleas of one count of Rape and seven counts of Gross Sexual Imposition. Mr. Weis was sentenced to a prison term totaling ten (10) years and classified as a Sexually Oriented Offender. Mr. Weis served approximately three (3) years and eight (8) months of his prison sentence and was granted early release in July 2004. On March 10, 2005 the Board moved to revoke Mr. Weis's certificate of registration as a Professional Engineer for violations of Ohio Revised Code Section 4733.20 (A) (4) which provides that the board may revoke the certificate of registration of a Professional Engineer and/or Professional Surveyor if the registrant is convicted of a felony.

On November 30, 2004 the Board, through its Hearing Officer, conducted an adjudication hearing concerning Ralph M. Gugar, a resident of Valley View, Ohio. On or about July 26,

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2004, Ralph M. Gugar was convicted in the Erie County, Pennsylvania Common Pleas Court of Manufacturing/Delivering/Possession with Intent to Manufacture or Deliver a Controlled Substance (cocaine), a felony. Mr. Gugar was sentenced to a term of three (3) to twenty-three (23) months in the Erie County, Pennsylvania Prison and ordered to pay costs and fines of \$499.50, perform 100 hours of community service and receive drug and alcohol counseling. In addition, Mr. Gugar was placed on two (2) years probation consecutive to his prison sentence. Mr. Gugar served twenty (20) days in the Erie County, Pennsylvania Prison for his conviction before he was paroled. On March 10, 2005 the Board moved to suspend Mr. Gugar's registration as a Professional Surveyor for two (2) years for violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4733.20 (A) (4), with that suspension stayed on the following conditions:

- Mr. Gugar be placed on probation for two (2) years beginning with the effective date of the Board's Order.
- Mr. Gugar must submit to any random drug screening ordered by the Board during the probationary period.
- Mr. Gugar must abstain from the use of illegal substances.
- Mr. Gugar must provide documentation to the Board on a quarterly basis that he is in full compliance with all terms and conditions of his probation imposed by the Erie County, Pennsylvania Probation Office.
- Mr. Gugar pay a \$1,000 fine within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the Board's Order.

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