

LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING  
AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD  
9643 BROOKLINE AVENUE, SUITE 121  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70809-1443  
(225) 925-6291

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	CASE NO. 2017-2
	)	
ERIC L. KRANTZ, P.E.	)	<b>Received</b>
	)	<b>MAR 18 2019</b>
RESPONDENT	)	
	)	<b>By LAPELS Enforcement</b>
	)	

---

CONSENT ORDER

The Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board [hereinafter the “Board”], by and through its Executive Director, pursuant to authorization by the Board, and Eric L. Krantz, P.E. [hereinafter “Respondent”] hereby agree to the following:

Prior to July 2, 2014, Respondent was not licensed in the State of Louisiana as a professional engineer and, therefore, was not authorized to practice and/or offer to practice engineering in the State of Louisiana. Respondent subsequently became licensed in the State of Louisiana as a professional engineer, number PE-39097, effective July 2, 2014.

An investigation was opened based upon the Board’s receipt of information and documents which suggested that Respondent may have engaged in the unlicensed practice and/or offer to practice engineering in Louisiana. The investigation disclosed that between August 2012 and July 1, 2014 Respondent admittedly **(a)** offered to provide engineering services in Louisiana, including offering to provide engineering services for Texas Brine Company, LLC [hereinafter “Texas Brine”] on the Napoleonville Salt Dome Sinkhole project located in Assumption Parish, Louisiana [hereinafter the “Sinkhole Project”] and **(b)** identified himself as an “engineer”, “staff engineer” and/or “PE” in reports and documents which he and his employer submitted to Texas Brine and the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources in connection with the Sinkhole Project.

La. R.S. 37:681 and La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1) and (7), prohibit the practicing of and/or offering to practice engineering and the use of the words “engineer”, “engineering” or any modification or derivative thereof in a person’s name or form of business or activity without proper licensure. La. R.S. 37:700(H) permits the Board to take enforcement action against

persons who violate La. R.S. 37:681, La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1) and (7), upon a finding of guilt following the preferral of charges, notice and hearing and a majority vote of its entire membership authorized to participate in the proceeding. La. R.S. 37:681, La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1) and (7), and La. R.S. 37:700(H) were in effect at all times material hereto.

It is undisputed that **(a)** prior to July 2, 2014 Respondent was not licensed to practice and/or offer to practice engineering in Louisiana and **(b)** between August 2012 and July 1, 2014 Respondent offered to practice engineering and used the words “engineer” or modifications or derivatives thereof in describing his qualifications, credentials and services in Louisiana without proper licensure.

By letter dated August 31, 2018, the Board gave notice to Respondent that it was considering the preferral of charges against Respondent on the grounds that Respondent may have violated La. R.S. 37:681 and La. R.S. 37:700(A)(1) and (7), relative to offering to practice engineering and using the words “engineer”, “engineering” and any modifications or derivatives thereof in a person’s name or form of business or activity without proper licensure.

Wishing to dispense with the need for further enforcement action and to conclude the instant proceeding without further delay and expense, for the purpose of this proceeding only, Respondent and the Board do hereby enter into this Consent Order, in which Respondent of his own free will consents to the issuance of a Consent Order by the Board, wherein Respondent agrees to **(a)** pay a fine of two thousand and no/100 (\$2,000.00) dollars, **(b)** pay administrative costs of one thousand four hundred forty-four and 57/100 (\$1,444.57) dollars and **(c)** the publication of this Consent Order on the Board’s website and a summary of this matter in the Board’s official journal, the *Louisiana Engineer and Surveyor Journal*, and the reporting of this matter to the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), identifying Respondent by name.

Respondent admits that his conduct as set forth above constitutes inadvertent violations of the above referenced laws and/or rules as stated herein. Respondent acknowledges awareness of said laws and/or rules and states that he will comply with all applicable laws and rules henceforth. Respondent has been advised of his right to be represented by counsel before the Board and/or to appear at any hearing personally or by counsel and present witnesses and evidence in his own behalf, he hereby waives this right and his right to appeal, and he states

affirmatively that he has been afforded all administrative remedies due him under the law.

Respondent further acknowledges awareness of the fact that the signed original of this Consent Order will remain in the custody of the Board as a public record and will be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Therefore, in consideration of the foregoing and by signing this Consent Order, Respondent does hereby waive his right to a hearing before the Board, to the presenting of evidence and witnesses on its behalf, to Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this case, and to judicial review of this Consent Order.

Respondent hereby represents that **(a)** he fully understands the meaning and intent of this Consent Order, including but not limited to its final and binding effect, **(b)** he has voluntarily entered into this Consent Order and that no other promise or agreement of any kind has been made to or with him by any person whatsoever to cause the execution of this instrument and **(c)** the sanctions set forth in this Consent Order do not prevent the Board from taking further disciplinary or enforcement action against Respondent on matters not specifically addressed in this Consent Order.

WHEREFORE, the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board and Respondent agree that:

1. Respondent shall pay a fine of two thousand and no/100 (\$2,000.00) dollars, which shall be tendered to the Board by certified check payable to the Board, due upon the signing of this Consent Order; and
2. Respondent shall pay administrative costs of one thousand four hundred forty-four and 57/100 (\$1,444.57) dollars, which shall be tendered to the Board by certified check payable to the Board, due upon the signing of this Consent Order; and
3. This Consent Order shall be published on the Board's website and a summary of this matter shall be printed in the official journal of the Board, the *Louisiana Engineer and Surveyor Journal*, and reported to the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), identifying Respondent by name; and
4. This Consent Order shall not become effective unless and until it is accepted and signed by and on behalf of the Board. Should the Board not accept and sign this Consent Order, it is agreed that presentation of this matter to the Board shall not prejudice the Board or any of its


members, staff, attorneys or representatives from further participation, consideration, or resolution of any further proceedings herein.

LOUISIANA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING  
AND LAND SURVEYING BOARD

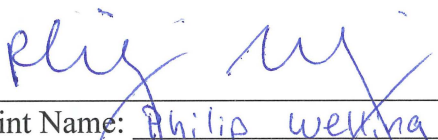
DATE: 4/8/2019

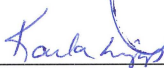
BY:   
DONNA D. SENTELL, Executive Director

DATE: 3/11/19

  
ERIC L. KRANTZ, P.E., Respondent

Witnesses to the signature of  
Eric L. Krantz, P.E.

  
Print Name: Philip welking

  
Print Name: Karla Lipp

Approved by:



Alex P. Prochaska  
Jones Walker LLP  
600 Jefferson St., Suite 1600  
Lafayette, LA 70501  
Telephone: (337) 593-7616

Attorneys for Eric L. Krantz, P.E.