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Rule Number: 333-X-11-.03(5)  
General Question: In the factual situation described do revisions to an original project drawing, require a professional engineer's seal, signature and date of signature?

Dear Mr. Compagno:

This declaratory ruling of the Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors is issued in response to your petition.

### QUESTION

Whether an Alabama licensed professional engineer, when issuing revisions and/or addenda to original drawings is required to sign, seal and date using the date of the revision in question or the date of the original project drawings.

### FACTS, LAW, AND ANALYSIS

Section 330-X-11-.03(1) of the Board's *Administrative Code* states the seal, signature and date of signature on a document signify that the document was prepared by the licensee or under his or her direct control and personal supervision, or that the licensee has reviewed the document in sufficient depth to fully coordinate and assume responsibility for documents prepared by another licensed professional engineer.

Section 330-X-11-.03(5) of the Board's *Administrative Code* indicates that additions, deletions or other revisions affecting public health and safety or State and local codes shall not be made unless signed, sealed and dated by the licensee who made the

revisions or under whose direct control and personal supervision said revisions were made.

### CONCLUSION

The licensed professional engineer should seal, sign and date original drawings when they are issued. Revisions and/or addenda to original drawings should likewise be sealed, signed and dated when they are issued.

A professional best practice is that each drawing has a revision number when issued, as well as a revision history that records previous revision numbers, revision dates, initial of reviser, and a brief reference to the technical basis for the revision.

  
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