

DESIGN ENGINEERS BEWARE !

Last year a change to the Engineer's Registration Act included a definition for "Significant Structures" in RCW 18.43.020(11). The enacted law states, and the Board has taken the position, that any structural design work for "Significant Structures" must be performed by or under the direct supervision of a Washington licensed structural engineer or a Washington professional engineer who has been granted the limited waiver by the Board before January 1, 2009. In addition, these designs then must be signed and sealed by those authorized to perform structural design of "Significant Structures".

Special Note: The Board rule on Document Review, WAC 196-23-020(5), has been determined by the Board to be inapplicable to the structural design of "Significant Structures".