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NOTICE OF 2019 STATUTORY CHANGES FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

The Department of Business Regulation (“DBR”) is pleased to provide notice of the following 2019 statutory changes relating to the practice of engineering in Rhode Island.

OWTS Designer’s Licenses at DEM

Governor Gina Raimondo signed legislation that exempts Rhode Island registered PEs from the exam and continuing education requirements necessary to obtain and renew an OWTS/ISDS designers license from the Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM). This legislation took effect on July 15, 2019.

The changes to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-56.1-4 can be found in Chapter 179 (House Bill H5365) and Chapter 239 (Senate Bill S0398) of the 2019 Public Laws:

<http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/PublicLaws/law19/law19179.htm>

<http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/PublicLaws/law19/law19239.htm>

Natural Gas Infrastructure Requirements - DPUC

Governor Raimondo also signed legislation that requires plans for natural gas infrastructure to be built in accordance with design plans and specifications approved by a Rhode Island registered PE when the work could pose a material risk to public safety. This legislation took effect on July 15, 2019.

The changes to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-8-21 can be found in Chapter 189 (House Bill H5679 as amended) and Chapter 240 (Senate Bill S0538a) of the 2019 Public Laws:

<http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/PublicLaws/law19/law19189.htm>

<http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/PublicLaws/law19/law19240.htm>

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