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SUBJECT: Professional Registration of Geologists

CATEGORY: For Information

1. References:

- a. Engineering and Construction Bulletin (ECB) 2015-9, Status of Employee Registrations and Certifications
- b. Army Regulation (AR) 690-950, Career Management, 31 December 2001
- c. Army Regulation (AR) 690-1-1212, Professional Registration as a Selective Placement Factor, 31 March 2004
- d. American Institute of Professional Geologists, (aipg.org), 13 October 2015
- e. Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists, (aegweb.org), 13 October 2015
- f. National Association of State Boards of Geology, (asbog.org), 15 October 2015

2. Purpose: The purpose of this ECB is to provide information on the importance of the professional registration of geologists.

3. Background: In concurrence with the on-going efforts by the Engineering & Construction Community of Practice (E&C CoP) to maintain accurate accounting and reporting of all professional registrations and certifications, as described in ECB-2015-9, professional registration of geologists is beneficial to the USACE organization. Geological practice affects the health, safety and welfare of the public, the environment, and the economy and feasibility of engineered works. Some benefits of professional registration are:

- a. Accurate accounting of organization capabilities
- b. Advancement of the Geology profession
- c. Promoting high standards of ethical and professional conduct
- d. An aid to career mapping for geologists

4. Registration: The National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) administers an 8-hour licensure exam prepared by subject matter experts. It is given in two parts, Fundamentals of Geology (FG) and Practice of Geology (PG). The exam is offered in the Spring and Fall of each year, and is based on tasks typically performed by a geologist. Candidates can expect to pay approximately \$150 for the Fundamentals of Geology exam, approximately \$250

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for the Practice of Geology exam. Eligibility requirements to sit for the exam vary from state to state. Fees and deadlines also vary from state to state. Refer to the ASBOG website (asbog.org) for information about the exams in your state, or in the state closest to you if your state does not offer the exams. The website also has links and information to help guide candidates on the steps to becoming a registered geologist. The general requirements include:

- a. Obtain a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in geological science, or a related field
- b. Follow your state guidelines for graduate level education requirements, and for experience requirements, typically 5 years
- c. Pass the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) exam

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