State Board Revokes Three Professional Engineers' Licenses

At its meeting on August 19, 2009 the Ohio State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors voted to revoke the professional engineer registrations of Robert P. Chi, Oliver J. Hao and Balajia B. Singh.

Robert P. Chi, a resident of Olympia Fields, Illinois, was charged with violations of Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 4733.20 (A) (2) and (5) and Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 4733-35-08 after the Board received information that Chi's Wisconsin professional engineer registration was revoked by the Wisconsin Examining Board of Professional Engineers. Chi was found guilty by the Wisconsin Board of gross negligence, incompetence and/or misconduct in the practice of professional engineering as a result of the collapse of an automated rack system he designed in Lomira, Wisconsin that was used to store and retrieve pallets of paper material. The collapse resulted in the death of one employee and injury to another. Based on the action of the Wisconsin Board the Ohio Board voted to revoke Chi's professional engineer registration.

Oliver J. Hao, a resident of Silver Springs, Maryland, was charged with violations of ORC 4733.151, 4733.20 (A)(1) and (5), 4733.22 and OAC 4733-19-01 for failing to complete 15 hours of continuing education and falsely reporting on his annual renewal that he had completed the annual continuing education requirement. Based on these actions the Board voted to revoke Hao's professional engineer registration.

Balajia B. Singh, a resident of Webster, Texas, was charged with violations of ORC 4733.151, 4733.20 (A)(1) and (5), 4733.22 and OAC 4733-19-01 for failing to complete 15 hours of continuing education and falsely reporting on his annual renewal that he had completed the annual continuing education requirement. Based on these actions the Board voted to revoke Singh's professional engineer registration.

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