

The National Society of Professional Engineers and its members continue to share a profound sense of loss over the tragic events of September 11, 2001. NSPE and its members continue to experience great sadness and sympathy for the victims and for those whose loved ones were lost or injured as a result of the attacks on our nation.

Following the events of September 11, 2001, extensive governmental engineering technical reviews led by professional engineers were conducted by the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST). Independent technical reviews led by professional engineers from major engineering societies were also conducted. Expert civil, structural, fire protection and forensic engineering teams directed extensive studies of the structural performance of the buildings at the World Trade Center (WTC) and Pentagon as well as the probable cause of the building collapses. These studies included analysis of potential building and structural collapse mechanisms and sequences.

NSPE believes the conclusions contained in these reports were complete, thorough and are fully supported by the facts and by sound engineering principles and analysis. For those reasons, NSPE does not support the initiation of any new investigations into the probable causes of building collapses at the WTC and the Pentagon.

Moreover, while NSPE encourages free exchange of information and open debate, organizations (including state societies) who provide a platform for such discussions should be diligent to ensure that the information and analysis provided is factual, truthful, credible, informed, based upon well-accepted and recognized engineering principles, and presented in a balanced and unprejudiced manner, with equal time provided to parties with opposing views.

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