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It is the policy of the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) that professional engineers have a moral obligation to engage in the ethical and competent practice of engineering. Professional engineers are members of an important and learned profession and in recognition of their critical role in society, professional engineers are expected to meet standards of honesty and integrity and hold paramount the public health and safety. Professional engineers have a vital and direct impact on the quality of life for all people. The services provided by professional engineers require competence, impartiality, fairness and equity. These basic ethical principles and others are established and reinforced in the NSPE Code of Ethics for Engineers (NSPE Publication 1102) and are consistent with the ethical and competent practice of engineering and the protection of the public health, safety and welfare above all other considerations.