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Position Statement:
It is the position of the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) that engineering plans, drawings, specifications, and other documents applicable to professional engineering practice bear the Professional Engineer’s seal that attests to the professional licensure of the person(s) in responsible charge, in accordance with the requirements of the applicable state laws. NSPE does not distinguish between digital, wet, or imprint seals in this position statement if their use is consistent with the jurisdictional requirements.

Background:
No other Professional’s seal(s), emblem(s), or indicia should be shown thereon unless required by law, except that the engineer’s standard insignia, logo, block, symbol, and client designation may be used.

NSPE recommends legal proscriptions against the making of changes to work signed and sealed by a professional engineer, except by a professional engineer according to applicable jurisdictional regulations and who shall (a) sign and reseal the work and (b) make a notation on the work indicating the nature of the changes.