

State News for NSPE Members

October GSPE Meeting Recap

The Guam Society of Professional Engineers held a luncheon meeting on October 21, featuring a presentation on “**Maui Wildfires – From Disaster to Recovery**” by **Mike Silva, P.E., F.NSPE, L.S.**, the current president of the Hawaii Society of Professional Engineers. The presentation showcased the work of Maui County’s Office of Recovery. Access the presentation [here](#). You can also read about the recovery work in a [PE magazine article](#).





GSPE Hosts Successful 14th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser

The Guam Society of Professional Engineers (GSPE) hosted its annual golf tournament on Saturday, October 11, at the Sono Felice Country Club at Talofofo. Beautiful weather greeted the 78 golfers that participated in the tournament to benefit the MATHCOUNTS Guam Chapter. The tournament was followed by a banquet to present awards and raffle prizes.

The MATHCOUNTS Guam Chapter helps to promote middle school mathematics achievement. More than \$18,000 was raised for the mathlete's trip to the mainland to compete in the National MATHCOUNTS event in May 2026. We look forward to planning next year's tournament to raise awareness of GSPE's support of the MATHCOUNTS program.









Guam Licensing Board Meeting

The [Guam Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors](#) will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, November 6**. Access the meeting information and agenda and the zoom link [here](#).

Gaps, Concerns Discussed at Oversight Hearing on Dieldrin

Senator Sabrina Matanane asked the few Yigo residents attending a recent oversight hearing on dieldrin to raise their hands if they felt like they'd been properly informed about the contamination that has affected more than 1,000 Guam Waterworks Authority customers in an area of the village. No one raised their hand.

Several officials from GWA, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Public Health and Social Services attended the hearing, along with

those Yigo residents. GWA issued notifications and "do not drink without treatment" advisories to affected residents in mid-September after the Y-15 water well in Yigo was found to have a dieldrin concentration above the local interim action level, or IAL, for the chemical.

A chief concern among those affected has been the timeliness of communications and actions addressing the contamination. Dieldrin is a pesticide that has been banned for all uses in the US since 1987 and is considered a probable carcinogen. The chemical had been found in dozens of GWA wells dating back to 1996, according to a 2012 inspection and sanitary survey report from the US EPA.

But as officials noted, there wasn't - and still isn't - an enforceable federal maximum contaminant level on dieldrin. The local IAL on the chemical, which requires public notifications when dieldrin exceeds certain thresholds, was adopted by the Guam Environmental Protection Agency just last year and became effective in August this year.

Widespread, low-level

There are 124 different sites on Guam considered entry points for the water distribution system. Out of those sites, 31 or 32 are nondetect for dieldrin, according to Brett Railey, assistant general manager of engineering at GWA.

Another 83 or 84 entry points have had some level of dieldrin detection under half of the IAL, or less than 0.1 micrograms per liter, Railey added. "Islandwide, you could say dieldrin is widespread, but at a low level. There are only nine wells where the detection level of dieldrin is above 50% of the IAL. Of those wells, there are only two wells at present that are over the IAL," Railey said. [Read more in the *The Guam Daily Post*.](#)

Stay up to date on legislative issues through the [NSPE Advocacy Center](#).

Call for NSPE Vice President Nominations

NSPE is seeking nominees to serve as vice president on the Board of Directors. The vice president serves four consecutive years: 2026-27 as vice president, 2027-28 as president-elect, 2028-29 as president, and 2029-30 as immediate past president. To learn more about qualifications, time and financial commitments, and how to apply, [please view the call for nominations packet in the governance section of the leadership toolbox](#).

Nominations are due to the NSPE Secretary at executive@nspe.org by **January 12, 2026**. Additional questions can be sent to executive@nspe.org.

Nominations Deadline Extended for FEYA

Federal engineers are at the forefront of our nation's most vital priorities from infrastructure and innovation to defense, public health, and safety. Honoring the commitment of federal engineers to innovation and service is the hallmark of the Federal Engineer of the Year Award (FEYA). Nominations for the 2026 award have been extended until November 30, 2025. [Visit the online portal for full guidelines and submission details.](#)



Why Does FEYA Matter?

Lt. Col. Brigham Moore, Ph.D., P.E., PMP, was named the 2025 Federal Engineer of the Year. Here's what Lt. Col. Moore had to say about the impact this award has had on his career: *"Being selected as Top Ten Finalist and ultimately as the Federal Engineer of the Year this past year has been an incredible highlight of my career. Within the Air Force, it has provided me opportunities to mentor and give back to the engineering community that I love. Professionally, it has reconnected me with previous advisors and engineering faculty, opening up doors and networking me with some people that I did not previously know. Finally, and personally, it served as a huge bolster to my confidence and commitment to continue making meaningful change with each project and major decision as I move forward."*

[Learn about Moore's government service and contributions to the profession.](#)



Engineers Week 2026 Resources and Outreach Grants

It's time to start planning for Engineers Week and Introduce a Girl to Engineering activities. NSPE members can [access resources on the NSPE website](#).

Outreach Grants

DiscoverE's grant opportunities are designed to support volunteer and educator efforts to inspire the next generation of innovators through hands-on exploration of engineering. Grants range from \$250 to \$1,000. The application period for the grants will close on November 3. [Access more information and apply](#).



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