

State News for NSPE Members

Orlando PE Graduates from NSPE Emerging Leaders Program



Michael Eagle, P.E., of Orlando, is a member of NSPE's 2021 Class of Emerging Leaders. The latest session of the Emerging Leaders Program began in August 2021 and concluded in February.

Employed for more than eight years at the Orlando office of Kittelson & Associates Inc., Eagle serves locally as senior engineer in providing transportation planning, engineering, and research services. [Read more.](#)

Governor Gives Small County Millions for Manufacturing Project

Governor Ron DeSantis has allocated \$5.5 million to Hamilton County for an infrastructure and manufacturing project that he said will create as many as 1,000 jobs, according to [floridapolitics.com](https://www.floridapolitics.com). The funding for Florida's sixth-smallest county comes from the governor's Job Growth Grant Fund, which he can draw from to fund infrastructure and job training projects throughout the state.

DeSantis was quoted as saying such funding goes farther in rural areas. The

county was recorded as having 14,000 residents in the 2020 census, the website reports.

Piney Point Cleanup Plan Approved

Florida regulators have approved a plan to remove millions of gallons of wastewater that is stored at Piney Point, an old fertilizer plant site, according to tampabay.com. The Department of Environmental Protection said the goal is to eliminate the looming environmental danger to [Tampa Bay](#). Last spring, 215 million gallons of wastewater were dumped into the bay at the site to prevent flooding into nearby homes and business.

The water stored in reservoirs at Piney Point is a mix of polluted byproducts from fertilizer manufacturing and additional water that became contaminated when it mixed with the waste. The plan is to drain the enormous reservoirs, treat the water, and pump it down a 3,300-foot well across the street on land owned by Manatee County. The reservoirs will then be covered with plastic sheeting to prevent rainfall from getting polluted.

The Point has a long, troubled history. Florida has sued the facility's owner, HRK, saying the firm did not adequately care for Piney Point and failed to meet its promise of getting rid of contaminated water by 2019.

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Take the 2022 Engineering Outlook Survey

Share your opinions on current issues affecting the practice of engineering by completing the 2022 *Engineering Outlook Survey*. The survey should take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. Once completed, you will have the option to enter our drawing for one of four \$50 Amazon gift cards.

All responses will be kept anonymous and only used in aggregated results unless you give us permission to contact you regarding your responses. The results of the survey will be shared in an upcoming article in *PE* magazine, as well as other NSPE publications (website, newsletters, social media, etc.).

[Start the survey.](#)

NSPE Endorses Sustainability and Resilience Statement

NSPE believes licensed professional engineers should be good stewards of the

environment in order to preserve and protect our world for future generations. The NSPE Board of Directors recently endorsed "[The Role of the Engineering Community in Addressing Climate Change](#)," a statement intended to unite, energize, and motivate people within and across organizations, and to fulfill their desires for meaning and purpose in their professional lives. Facilitated by Engineering Change Lab-USA, the statement was prepared with input from a working group of sixteen organizations including NSPE.

[Read more about NSPE's position on the environment, sustainability, and resilience.](#)

New Live Webinar Series: Workability Wednesdays

Would colleagues consider you workable? How easy is it for you to mold, flow, and bend in today's work environment? Is your knowledge up-to-date and relevant? Please join us for this [new webinar series](#) to learn more about topics impacting the industry and to enhance your competencies in the profession.



These live and interactive webinars are **free** to NSPE members and will be held at 2:00 pm EDT on the first and third Wednesday of the months of April, May, and June. The next webinar on April 20 will focus on [The Future of Wichita's Water - The Northwest Water Treatment Facility](#).

[Learn more about the upcoming webinars and register.](#)

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