

State News for NSPE Members

NSPE-Florida Member Visits with Legislators

In August, Jose Noriega, P.E. met with three Florida lawmakers and members of their staff to ask for their support of legislation including the proposed Senate bill S.2299, the PIPES Act of 2019, and the related House bill H.R.2139, the Leonel Rondon Pipeline Safety Act. Noriega met with staff members of Senators Marco Rubio and Senator Rick Scott's office to discuss the senate bill and asked for their support in the original language of the bill in support for PEs involved and also spoke about why the PE is important in the fabric of society. Noriega also met with Rep. Lois Frankel and her district chief of staff to support the House bill and stressed the importance of PE involvement in pipeline safety. Both bills were introduced this year and are still awaiting action by the two congressional bodies.

Save the Date: Professional Engineer Legislative Days

January 28-29, 2020

Hosted by the Florida Engineering Society and the American Council of Engineering Companies of FL

Staying involved in the political process is the key to YOUR associations success in Tallahassee this Session. [Please view this short video](#) to share with colleagues or your local chapter.

Winter Water Seminar

Winter Water Seminar 2020 | February 18-19, 2020 | Orlando, FL

FES and ACEC-FL invite members, industry associates, business professionals and educators to submit a presentation proposal for the 2020 Winter Water Seminar.

Although any topic may be submitted, current topics of interest include water

resources, water supply, state 404 assumption, State Revolving Fund, hydrogeology, and other related topics.

There is also opportunity in 2020 for a panel for the above topics. Be among the few selected to provide valuable insight to our ever-changing industry!

[Click here to Submit Presentations](#). For more information about WWS 2020, [see our website](#).

Advocacy Campaign a Success—But More Action Needed



 **Trish Hatley** @triciahatley - Aug 7. Met with Senator Inhofe's field rep @BrysonPanas this morning in our @FreeseNichols office to talk about the need to reduce licensure exemptions and how PE's help protect the public health, safety and welfare. #LicensedPEday #PEDayAdvocate

More than 100 NSPE members either met with or called their legislators and staffers on August 7 as part of the Society's Professional Engineers Day advocacy campaign. It was the largest such campaign in remembered NSPE history. PEs joined together to speak up for the importance of licensure and passage of a federal bill that would require PE oversight of utility pipelines, following the 2018

Merrimack Valley, Massachusetts, gas line explosion.

NSPE's Manager of Government Relations and Advocacy Stephanie Hamilton called the day "a strong success" as enthusiastic NSPE members worked to build lasting relationships that will help them be seen as experts on licensure and technical matters now and in the future.

However, the week before the campaign, the Senate version of the bill was added as an amendment to a larger pipeline safety bill and watered down to remove the PE requirement. According to Hamilton, the Society was "disappointed" and "dismayed" about this change to the Leonel Rondon Pipeline Safety Act, named after the teenager killed.

It's not too late to make a difference, however. NSPE members are urged to contact their legislators.

Read More

- [PE article on the advocacy campaign](#);
- [Hamilton's column on the changes to the bill and how members can take action](#);
- [Popular Mechanics article highlighting the personal impacts of the deadly explosion](#).

2019 Fall Webinar Series Open for Registration



Register now for the [2019 Fall Webinar Series](#) ! Develop your skills and earn continuing education credits this fall. Stay current on a variety of topics from the comfort of your home or office. Don't miss NSPE Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel Arthur Schwartz's Ethics Forum each month—register for individual webinars or [get a special bundle price](#) until **September 17**.

Sign up now for these webinars:

Ethics Forum: Conflicts of Interest - Employers and Clients

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- [Leading Project Teams: Emerging Technologies and Smart Design](#)

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- [Mindfulness in Action](#)

October 2

- [Ethics Forum: Conflicts of Interest - Vendors and Colleagues](#)

October 16

- [Clients are from Venus, Consultants from Mars: A Guide to Effective Management of Consultants](#)

November 6

- [Ethics Forum: Conflicts of Interest - Serving the Public](#)

November 13

And don't forget that, as part of your NSPE membership, you also receive access to [15 free online seminars](#) .

Find Quality Candidates or a Great New Job



NSPE's online event for employers and job seekers will take place again on **October 2** from 11 am – 3 pm Eastern.

Whether you're an engineer just starting out or an experienced professional looking for a new opportunity, you can connect with employers from the comfort of your home, office, smartphone, or tablet. The event is free for job seekers.

Companies in search of top talent will be able to access professionals representing all engineering sectors around the country.

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