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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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***1 Re: Percolation Test**

Mr. John C. Hawkins
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Dear Mr. Hawkins:

You have requested that this office advise you as to who is qualified under the laws of this State to perform a percolation test. Section 56-702, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1962, defines the practice of engineering as:

Any professional service or creative work requiring engineering education, training and experience, and the application of special knowledge of the mathematical, physical, and engineering sciences to such professional services or creative work as consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning, design and supervision of construction for the purpose of assuring compliance with specifications and designs in connection with any public or private utilities, structures, buildings, machines, equipment, processes, works, or projects . . .

It is therefore the opinion of this office that the performance of percolation tests does come within the above referenced practice of engineering, thus can only be performed by a registered engineer.

I trust that this has been sufficient to answer the question which you posed. If we may be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call or write.

Very truly yours,

Timothy G. Quinn
Assistant Attorney General

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