



## American Institute of Hydrology – Code of Ethics

Members of the Institute acknowledge their responsibilities to society and their professions; subscribe to this Code of Ethics to guide them in their practices as professional hydrologists; and shall...

- Hold above all the public trust and reputation of their professions, perform services only in the areas of their competence, and strive to enhance their qualifications through continuing education and professional development.
- Issue public statements only in an objective and truthful manner, and endeavor to extend public knowledge and to prevent misunderstandings of the achievements of hydrological sciences.
- Act in professional matters for each client or employer as faithful agents or trustees, and avoid conflict of interest.
- Build their professional reputations on the merit of their services, and not compete unfairly with others.
- Not only conduct their practices in accordance with this Code and the Rules but also bring to the attention of the Institute unethical practices of any other Member.

## American Institute of Hydrology – Rules of Professional Conduct

### ARTICLE I. PERSONAL CONDUCT

1. Members shall seek and engage in only such professional work or assignments for which they are qualified by education, training, or experience, and shall continue their professional development throughout their careers.
2. Members shall explain their work and merit modestly, and shall avoid any act tending to promote their own interests at the expense of the honor and dignity of their profession.
3. Members shall avoid any act which may diminish public confidence in their professions, and shall at all times, conduct themselves so as to maintain their reputation for professional integrity.

### ARTICLE II. RELATION TO THE PUBLIC

1. Members shall be completely objective and truthful in all professional reports and testimonies, and shall not participate in the dissemination of untrue, sensational or exaggerated statements regarding hydrological sciences and technology.
2. Members shall advertise their services in a dignified unostentatious manner, and such advertisement shall not contain any false or misleading information.
3. When in public service as members, advertisers, or employees of a governmental body, members shall not participate in considerations or actions with respect to services provided by them or by their organizations in private practice.

### ARTICLE III. RELATION TO CLIENTS

1. Members shall avoid accepting a commission where duty to their client or to the public would conflict with their personal interests or the interest of another client.
2. Members shall not accept compensation for services on the same project from more than one party unless the circumstances are fully disclosed and agreed to by all interested parties.<
3. Members shall treat information coming to them in the course of their assignments as confidential, shall not disclose it without permission, and shall not use such information as a means of making personal profit if such action is adverse to the interests of their client or of the public.

### ARTICLE IV. RELATION TO OTHER PROFESSIONALS

1. Members shall make no malicious or false statements which may have the effect, directly or





indirectly or by implications, of injuring the personal or professional reputation or business of others.

2. Members shall give proper credit for work done by others, shall not knowingly accept credit due to others, and shall not accept employment to replace another professional, except with such person's knowledge.
3. Members shall associate only with reputable persons and organizations, and shall not knowingly associate with those who they know, or have reason to believe, are engaging in professional practices of dishonest or unethical nature.

## **ARTICLE V. RELATION TO THE INSTITUTE**

1. Members who have knowledge or reasonable grounds for believing that another Member has violated any provisions of these Rules shall have the duty of presenting such information to the Board of Registration.
2. Members shall not recommend the application of another person known by them to be unqualified in respect of character, education, or other relevant factor.
3. Members shall not permit their names or seals to be affixed in reports and other documents which were not prepared by them or under their direct supervision, and shall not affix their signatures or seals to any report or other document dealing with subject matter in which they lack competence.

