

CODE OF ETHICS

Certified Inspector of Sediment and Erosion Control

Article I. General Principles

1. The privilege of professional practice imposes obligations of morality and responsibility as well as professional knowledge.
2. Each Certified Inspector of Sediment and Erosion Control (hereafter called CISEC) agrees to be guided by the highest standards of ethics, personal honor, and professional conduct.

Article II. Relation of Professional to the Public

1. A CISEC shall not give a professional opinion or make a recommendation without being as thoroughly informed as might reasonably be expected of a similarly situated professional.
2. A CISEC shall not knowingly permit the use of his or her reports or other documents for any unsound or illegitimate undertaking.
3. A CISEC shall not issue a false statement or false information at any time.
4. A CISEC shall not make any sensational, exaggerated, and/or unwarranted statements in any professional opinion or in the course of performing any professional services.
5. A CISEC may publish dignified business, professional, or announcement cards, but shall not advertise his or her work or accomplishments in a self-laudatory, exaggerated, or unduly conspicuous manner.

Article III. Relation of Professional to Employer and Client

1. A CISEC shall not use, directly or indirectly, any employer or client's information in any way that would violate the confidence of the employer or client.
2. A CISEC shall protect, to the fullest extent possible, the interest of their employer or client insofar as such interest is consistent with the law and his or her professional obligations and ethics.
3. A CISEC who finds that his or her obligations to their employer or client conflict with his or her professional obligation or ethics should address such objectionable conditions or resign.
4. A CISEC who has performed an investigation for any employer or client shall not seek to profit economically from the information gained.
5. A CISEC shall not divulge any information given in confidence.
6. A CISEC shall engage, or advise his employer or client to engage, and cooperate with other industry specialists whenever the employer or client's interests would be best served by such service.

Article IV. Relation of Professionals to Each Other

1. A CISEC shall not falsely or maliciously attempt to damage the reputation of another.
2. A CISEC shall refrain from plagiarism in oral and written communications.
3. A CISEC shall endeavor to cooperate with others in the profession and encourage the ethical dissemination of technical knowledge.

Article V. Duty to the Profession

1. A CISEC shall uphold this Code of Ethics by example and encourage other CISECs to do the same.

Article VI. Conflicts of Interest

1. A CISEC shall not inspect properties under contingent arrangements whereby any compensation or future referrals are dependent on reported findings.
2. A CISEC shall not receive compensation for an inspection from more than one party unless agreed to by the client(s).
3. A CISEC shall not accept compensation, directly or indirectly, for recommending contractors, services, or products to inspection clients or other parties having an interest in inspected properties.