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**NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EXAMINERS  
FOR ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS**

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***Policy***

<b>Easement Policy For Existing and New Easements</b>			
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<b>CATEGORY(IES)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surveying	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
	<input type="checkbox"/> Unlicensed	<input type="checkbox"/> Seal	
<b>ORIGINATION:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surveying Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

This policy replaces former policies BP-1003 and BP-1303.

The depicting and mapping of easements to comply with Board Rule .1604(d)(8) [accurately located where it crosses or forms a boundary] falls within the definition of the practice of land surveying as defined in GS 89C-3(7)a.1. and must be done by a licensed Professional Land Surveyor.

It is the intent of this policy to ensure that all easements, whether existing or newly created, are sufficiently described to permit future surveyors to readily retrace the easement. To that end, all easements shown on any plat or described in any written description or other report of survey shall be tied by course and distance to either 1) property corners that are properly monumented and verified, or 2) project boundaries that have been properly monumented and verified, or 3) the NC State Plane Coordinates System.

Except for new public utility easements, where easements are created with reference to property lines, those property lines shall be surveyed and monumented, and in addition, the location where the easement crosses a boundary line shall be either monumented or tied to a monument in the boundary line. For existing easements, the plat, description or report of survey shall contain sufficient data (bearings and distances or coordinates) to locate where the easement crosses the boundary line.

If the location of the existing easement is not sufficiently described in the instrument creating such easement, then the surveyor must use his/her best professional judgment on how to report location of the easement on a plat or other report of survey, which may include a notation that the surveyor was unable to locate the easement based on physical evidence found.

For new public utility easements involving long distances across multiple tracts, the newly surveyed easement does not require monumentation where crossing non-surveyed property lines, but otherwise shall comply with this policy. New public utility easements shall be sufficiently monumented such that subsequent surveyors can locate the easement based on physical monuments. At a minimum, new public utility easements shall be monumented (either at the center line or at one edge of the easement) at every turning point and at least one monument every 2,000 feet.