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Stamped Engineering Reports Do Not Expire

To whom it may concern,

SunModo works with licensed third-party engineers to provide engineering analysis of our products. These reports are stamped at the time of analysis by a licensed professional engineer. Outside of changes to either the product or relevant codes, these stamped reports do not expire. The validity of the engineering stamp is based solely upon the expiration date of the engineer's license at the time of the report. As long as the stamping engineer's license is valid (based on the date in the stamp) when the report is prepared, that report remains valid even if the license has expired at a later time when being reviewed by a local agency.

California State law clarifies this issue under the Professional Engineers Act as part of the Business and Professions Code (B&P Code §§ 6700-6799). Page 12 section 27 of the Guide to Engineering & Land Surveying for City and County Officials published by the California Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (BPELS) states:

27. If the license has expired between the time the engineering documents were prepared and the time when the local agency's review is performed, do the documents need to be re-sealed by a licensee with a current license? (B&P Code §§ 6733, 6735, 6735.3, 6735.4)

As long as the license was current at the time the engineering documents were prepared, the documents do not need to be re-sealed prior to review by the local agency. However, any changes (updates or modifications) to the documents that are made following the review by the local agency would have to be prepared by a licensed engineer with a current license and those changes would have to be signed and sealed.

The Business and Professions Code additionally states that as of January 1, 2010 professional engineers are not required to include a license expiration date when they seal documents. They need only provide the date they signed the document (B&P Code §§ 6735, 6735.3, 6735.4, 6764, 8750, 8761 & 8764.5). Further information can be found at <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/home.xhtml>.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roland Jasmin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "R".

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