



CANADIAN COUNCIL OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
CONSEIL CANADIEN DES INGÉNIEURS

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Jan Merks
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Dear Jan Merks:

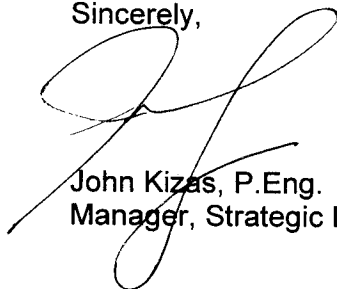
I am writing in response to your letter to Marie Lemay dated January 24, 2005 regarding the direction of the profession of geostatistics. In the letter you raised concerns regarding a doctrine that spatial dependence may be assumed, and brought-up additional concerns such as "kriging", a process by which estimation is done through distance weighting. We have reviewed your concerns and suggest that your complaint be submitted directly to one of the Canadian engineering licensing bodies, as described below.

As you are aware, the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers (CCPE) is a federation of all the provincial and territorial licensing bodies. The twelve (12) licensing bodies form CCPE's constituent membership. Supported by Engineering Acts, the provincial and territorial licensing bodies regulate the practice of engineering in their jurisdiction, specifically ensuring that only qualified and competent people are admitted into the profession and licensed to practice engineering. Also included within every Engineering Act is the right for the provincial or territorial body to discipline members that engage in professional misconduct.

If you are aware of a licensed professional engineer who is engaging in professional misconduct, we suggest you contact their licensing body and lodge a complaint. Once a complaint is received, the licensing body goes through an established process. In some cases, this process is available from the web site of the licensing body. Otherwise, you could contact the licensing body directly for direction and process. Web links to the licensing bodies are available on CCPE's web site at http://www.ccpe.ca/e/ccpe_members_2.cfm.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at (613) 232-2474 x263 or by email at john.kizas@ccpe.ca.

Sincerely,



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