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Help APEGGA Celebrate National Engineering & Geoscience Week (February 25 to March 6, 2005)

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to join with our colleagues in celebrating National Engineering & Geoscience Week. APEGGA, together with all of the provincial associations that regulate the practice of engineering and/or the geosciences and the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers, will be hosting a number of celebratory events. This special week provides an opportunity for us to highlight our accomplishments, raise the public's awareness of our professions, celebrate science, math and technology and have some fun.

Our theme *Proud Past: Confident Future* reminds us during Alberta's Centennial year that the women and men who are engineers, geologists and geophysicists have not only helped build and shape Alberta but continue to provide a confident future by ensuring public safety and well-being.

Municipalities across the province will be encouraged to proclaim National Engineering & Geoscience Week in their communities. APEGGA has also planned a number of celebrations and my hope is that you will be able to show your support by attending or participating in some of them. These include Science Olympics being held in communities throughout the province and the Provincial School Challenge. These events encourage students to think creatively and use learned math and science concepts to solve problems.

The Corporate Food Structure Challenge captures the spirit of our work and professions. Members can have great fun using packing tape and donated non-perishable food items to create an innovative structure. The food collected for the structures will ultimately benefit community groups.

Be sure to watch for the National Engineering & Geoscience Week colour insert being published in the *Edmonton Journal* and *Calgary Herald* on February 24.

This is just a sample of the activities and events planned. So, please join us in celebrating National Engineering & Geoscience Week. For more detailed information, please consult the Calendar of Events at http://www.apegga.org/NEGW/events.html.

Yours truly.

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