MIT OpenCourseWare http://ocw.mit.edu

1.133 M.Eng. Concepts of Engineering Practice Fall 2007

For information about citing these materials or our Terms of Use, visit: http://ocw.mit.edu/terms.

Engineering Ethics

Concepts of Engineering Practice
14 November 2007

Applied Ethics in Professional Practice

- www.niee.org
- fka Case of the Month Club
- Case studies, videos, dramatizations, etc.
- Applicable Professional Codes of Ethics
- Core ethical values and steps toward ethical decision making

Applicable Professional Codes of Ethics

- **NSPE**
- **AEG**
- **AIPG**
- **ASCE**
- **♦** ASME
- ◆ IEE
- ACEC
- ACM

ASCE-Fundamental Principles

- Engineers uphold and advance the integrity, honor and dignity of the engineering profession by:
 - Using their knowledge and skill for the enforcement of human welfare and the environment
 - 2. Being honest and impartial and serving with fidelity the public, their employers and clients
 - 3. Striving to increase the competence and prestige of the engineering profession
 - 4. Supporting the profession and technical societies of their disciplines

ASCE-Fundamental Canons

Engineers shall

- hold paramount public safety, health and welfare and strive to comply with the principles of sustainable development...
- Perform services only in areas of competence
- 3. Issue public statements only in objective and truthful manner

ASCE-Fundamental Canons (cont'd)

- 4. Act professionally toward employers and clients, and avoid conflicts of interest
- 5. Build professional reputation on merit of services and not compete unfairly with others
- 6. Uphold and enhance the honor, integrity and dignity of the engineering profession
- 7. Continue professional development throughout their careers