

## Frigo, Victoria (COE)

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**From:** Frigo, Victoria (COE)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2013 2:31 PM  
**To:** Mena, Julio A. (WASD)  
**Cc:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Subject:** INQ 13-71 Activiating Engineering License  
**Attachments:** RQO 12-09 Carreno.pdf; RQO 04-33 Danger.pdf

Mr. Mena,

As we discussed today, you may attend the Trades Qualifying Board meeting on April 24, 2013. At that time, your request to reactivate your General Engineering License will be heard. Because you are appearing in your personal capacity, not on behalf of a third person seeking a benefit from the board, your attendance does not violate the County Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (m)(1).

Additionally, to comport with your department's requirements, the activation should not become effective until the day following your retirement—June 1, 2013.

Finally, please be aware that you cannot lobby the County for two years following your retirement. See the County Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (q).

The Ethics Commission has interpreted lobbying very broadly to include any activities intended to influence any official determination, regardless of whether the determination will foreseeably be decided or recommended to the County Commission, the County Mayor, or any County Boards or Committees.

I've attached two ethics opinions that define more specifically the types of lobbying activities that are prohibited. Although one opinion was given to a city employee, prohibitions regarding lobbying one's former city employer are comparable to prohibitions for former County employees lobbying the County.

Also, the Ethics Commission has given numerous other opinions related to post-employment restrictions. On our website at [www.ethic.miamidade.gov](http://www.ethic.miamidade.gov), you can find RQO 04-201 to Rene Rodriguez, retired Director, County Housing Agency; RQO 04-34 to Danny Alvarez, former Director, County Transit Dept.; RQO 01-38 to Miguel de Grande re: Nick Mazzora, former Aide to County Commissioner Joe Martinez; and RQO 08-28 to Paul Raymond, retired Chief Mechanical Inspector, City of Miami Beach.

If you encounter a particular situation over the next two years that is not covered in these opinions, please feel free to contact our office to discuss the matter further.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Mena, Julio A. (WASD)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 7:44 AM  
**To:** Ethics (COE)  
**Subject:** License

Good Morning,

I'm employed as Pipeline Unit Supervisor, in the Miami Dade Water and Sewer Dept. with an in-active General Engineering License, I'll be retiring from county services on May 31, 2013, can I begin the activation process of my license now. The next Trades Qualifying Board Meeting will be on April 24, 2013, which is when my hearing will come to the floor. Any guidance will appreciated. Thank you

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