



Professional Engineers  
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File: T03-071

November 28, 2003

Mr. Jan Merks  
President  
Matrix Consultants Ltd.  
1357 Napier Place  
Coquitlam, BC V3B 7A3

Dear Mr. Merks:

**Re: Professional Conduct - Dr. Alastair Sinclair, P.Eng./P.Geo.**

Further to my letter of October 6, 2003, I have completed my review of your complaint submission against Dr. Sinclair and it is my decision that further investigation of your complaint is not warranted.

Your letter of October 1, 2003, provides only limited information. Further, the basis of your complaint against Dr. Sinclair relates to a difference of opinion concerning geostatistics versus classical statistics. There is no evidence to indicate that Dr. Sinclair was unprofessional or unethical in his conduct or in his provision of professional engineering and/or geoscience services.

Further, your position on the use of classical statistics has already been referred to Jenna Hardy, P.Geo., Chair of the Association's Geoscience Committee, for review and consideration; and you may expect to hear from Ms. Hardy directly.

Given these circumstances, our file in this matter is closed with no further action.

Yours truly,

Harry McBride, P.Eng.  
Deputy Director, Professional Ethics

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cc S. Ross Rettie, P.Eng., Director, Professional Practice & Ethics

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