BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE
BOARD OF TECHNICAL REGISTRATION

In the Matter of: Case No.: P16-007
Darren J. Curtis
Geologist
Registration No. 49068
Respondent

CONSENT AGREEMENT
and
ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

In the interest of a prompt and judicious resolution of the above-captioned matter before the Arizona State Board of Technical Registration ("Board") and consistent with the public interest, statutory requirements, and the responsibilities of the Board, and pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-101 et seq., and A.A.C. R4-30-120(G), the undersigned party, Darren J. Curtis ("Respondent"), holder of Registration No. 49068, and the Board enter into the following Recitals, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Consent Agreement") as a final disposition of this matter.

RECITALS
1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and has had the opportunity to discuss this Consent Agreement with an attorney, or has waived the opportunity to discuss this Consent Agreement with an attorney.

2. Respondent understands that he has a right to a public administrative hearing concerning this case. He further acknowledges that at such formal hearing he could present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. By entering into this Consent Agreement, Respondent knowingly, voluntarily, and irrevocably waives his right to such an administrative hearing, as well as rights of rehearing, review, reconsideration, appeal, judicial review or any other administrative and/or judicial action concerning the matters set forth herein.

3. Respondent affirmatively agrees that this Consent Agreement shall be irrevocable.
4. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement or any part of the agreement may be considered in any future disciplinary action by the Board against him.

5. The Consent Agreement, any record prepared in this matter, all investigative materials prepared or received by the Board and all related exhibits and materials, are public records (as defined in A.R.S. § 41-158.18) upon acceptance by the Board of this Consent Agreement and may be retained in the Board’s files pertaining to this matter.

6. Respondent understands this Consent Agreement deals with Board case number P16-007 involving allegations that Respondent engaged in conduct that would subject him to discipline under the Board’s statutes and rules. The investigation into these allegations against Respondent shall be concluded upon the Board’s adoption of this Consent Agreement.

7. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement does not constitute a dismissal or resolution of any other matters currently pending before the Board, if any, and does not constitute any waiver, express or implied, of the Board’s statutory authority or jurisdiction regarding any other pending or future investigation, action or proceeding.

8. Respondent also understands that acceptance of this Consent Agreement does not preclude any other agency, subdivision, or officer of this State from instituting any other civil or criminal proceedings with respect to the conduct that is the subject of this Consent Agreement.

9. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that, upon signing this Consent Agreement and returning this document to the Board’s Executive Director, he may not revoke his acceptance of the Consent Agreement or make any modifications to the document regardless of whether the Consent Agreement has been signed on behalf of the Board. Any modification to this original document is ineffective and void unless mutually agreed by the parties in writing.

10. This Consent Agreement is subject to the approval of the Board and is effective only when accepted by the Board and signed on behalf of the Board. If the Board does not accept this Consent Agreement, the Board retains its authority to hold a
formal administrative hearing pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-128(E). In the event that the Board does not approve this Consent Agreement, it is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon nor introduced in any action by any party, except that the parties agree that should the Board reject this Consent Agreement and this case proceeds to hearing, Respondent shall assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this document or any records relating thereto.

11. If a court of competent jurisdiction rules that any part of this Consent Agreement is void or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of the Consent Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

12. Respondent understands that any violation of this Consent Agreement may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or revocation of the registration under A.R.S. § 32-150.

13. Respondent agrees that the Board will adopt the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of Geology in the State of Arizona.

2. Respondent is the holder of Arizona Geology Registration No. 49068.

3. On or about May 8, 2015, the Board received Respondent’s application for renewal as a Registered Geologist. On his application, Respondent answered “Yes” to the following question: “Have you been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation since your last renewal?”

4. Respondent provided court documents from Phoenix municipal court showing he was found guilty of shoplifting, a class one misdemeanor, on February 18, 2014. No written explanation was provided by Respondent.

5. On May 12, 2015, Board staff sent a letter to Respondent, at his address of record with the Board, requesting that he provide a detailed written explanation and any relevant court documents related to this conviction.
6. On May 19, 2015, Board staff received a written explanation from Respondent regarding the incident in which he wrote that on February 8, 2014, while shopping at a local grocery store, he unloaded the top of his grocery cart and paid for those items. Respondent stated that he neglected to unload and pay for two items on the bottom of the cart. After leaving the store he was stopped by store security and arrested for shoplifting.

7. On August 9, 2015, Board staff obtained a copy of the police report associated with this incident. The report reveals Respondent filled a grocery cart of merchandise valued at $69.42 at Fry’s and left the store without paying. Store security followed him into the parking lot and photographed the Respondent and his vehicle. When Respondent noticed that he was being photographed he left the cart and merchandise in the parking lot and left in his vehicle. Police were able to contact Respondent at his residence. He admitted to the act of shoplifting and was cited.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-101, et seq.

2. The conduct alleged in the Findings of Fact, paragraphs 3 through 7, constitutes grounds for discipline under A.R.S. § 32-128(C)(4) (violation of Board rules) as it relates to A.A.C. R4-30-301(1) (Providing materially false statements in connection with application) and A.A.C. R4-30-301(5) (violation of criminal statute involving dishonesty and theft).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board issues the following Order:

1. LETTER OF REPRIMAND. Respondent is hereby issued a Letter of Reprimand, a disciplinary action that becomes a public record upon the effective date of this consent agreement.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY. Within three (3) months from the effective date of this consent agreement, Respondent shall pay an administrative penalty
of One Hundred Fifty ($150.00) Dollars by certified check or money order with monthly
payments of Fifty ($50.00) Dollars to the Arizona Board of Technical Registration,
according to the provisions of A.R.S. § 32-128(A)(3). The effective date of this Consent
Agreement is the date the Respondent and Board sign the Consent Agreement. If the
dates are different, the effective date is the later of the two dates.

3. **COST OF INVESTIGATION.** Within three (3) months of the effective
date of this consent agreement, Respondent shall pay cost of investigation of this case in
the amount of Two Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars ($267.00) by certified check or money
order with monthly payments of Eighty Nine ($89.00) Dollars to the Arizona Board of
Technical Registration, according to the provisions of A.R.S. § 32-128(H). The effective
date of this consent agreement is the date the Respondent and Board sign the Consent
Agreement. If the dates are different, the effective date is the later of the two dates.

4. **COSTS OF COMPLIANCE.** Respondent shall pay all costs associated
with complying with this Consent Agreement.

5. **NONCOMPLIANCE.** If Respondent violates this Order in any way or fails
to fulfill the requirements of this Order, the Board, after giving notice and the opportunity
to be heard, may revoke, suspend or take other disciplinary actions against the
registration. The issue at such a hearing will be limited solely to whether this Order has
been violated.

ACCEPTED and ORDERED this 7th day of SEPTEMBER, 2015.

Edward T. Marley, Chairman
Arizona State Board of Technical Registration

Consent Agreement and Order, No. P16-007 accepted this 17th day of
AUGUST, 2015.

Darren J. Curtis, Respondent
ORIGINAL filed this 29 day of
SEPTEMBER, 2015, with:

Arizona State Board of Technical Registration
1110 W. Washington, Suite 240
Phoenix, AZ 85007

COPY of the foregoing mailed via Certified Mail
No. 7014 1200 0000 6616 3647 and
First Class mail this 30 day of SEPTEMBER, 2015, to:

Darren Curtis
715 W. Summit Ave #D
Flagstaff, AZ 86001

By: [Signature]