

### Form 8—Commitment Certificate: Geotechnical Design Requirements (Field Review of Construction)

#### Preamble

The *Nova Scotia Building Code* (the “Code”) is made up of portions of the *Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations* (the “regulations”) made under the *Building Code Act*, together with the *National Building Code*, the *National Plumbing Code* and the *National Energy Code*, as amended and adopted by the regulations. Construction and demolition of buildings must be done in accordance with the Act, the regulations and the Code.

Professional engineers are required by their statute, regulations and bylaws to ensure the general public of competent standards and ethical conduct in the design of buildings. Under Part 2 of the regulations, professionals must design buildings in conformance with the minimum standards of the Code, with sufficient drawings and documents to show how these standards have been met.

Part 2 of the regulations also requires buildings to be reviewed at intervals appropriate to the stage of construction to determine general compliance with the design drawings (and all revisions) accepted by a building official as the authority having jurisdiction. Completed commitment certificates for these field reviews of construction must be submitted to a building official as the authority having jurisdiction. If a building official has not been assigned by the applicable municipality, this document must be submitted directly to the municipality until a building official is assigned.

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To:

authority having jurisdiction (building official)	date
address	

Dear

authority having jurisdiction (building official)

Re:

address of project
name of project
legal description of project

This is to advise that I am the professional engineer appointed by the owner or prime consultant to perform the field review of construction for the geotechnical (permanent) design requirements for this project.

I hereby certify, for the geotechnical (permanent) design requirements, that

- 1) I will review the geotechnical shop drawings to determine general compliance with the design documents, however, the party producing the shop drawings remains responsible for the design expressed in the documents;
- 2) I will coordinate the review of changes to the geotechnical design documents to ensure that the applicable professional engineer(s) determines whether the changes conform to the Code; and
- 3) I will complete the certification of field review of construction and return it to a building official as the authority having jurisdiction before the occupancy permit is issued.

Please be advised that I may delegate some or all of my duties associated with the field review of construction to another person employed by me or my firm where it is consistent with prudent professional practice to do so. All delegated functions will be performed under my supervision in accordance with the *Engineering Profession Act*.

If the contract for a field review of construction is terminated at any time during construction, I will notify a building official as the authority having jurisdiction as soon as practical, but no later than 72 hours after the event.

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print name

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signature

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initials

Affix below the seal of the licensed professional engineer in accordance with provincial legislation.

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