

Prospectus

Title:	Discipline and Enforcement Library Refresh
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Purpose:

To refresh the existing Discipline and Enforcement Library with a more modern and accessible interface that engineering regulators will use to share information about discipline and enforcement decisions.

Problem / Opportunity Statement:

The Library is a database created in 2006 as a resource for engineering regulators to share decisions from discipline and enforcement cases. The highest number of decisions was added in 2007, with 145 new discipline cases and 113 enforcement cases. Since then, the number of new entries has significantly dropped off. In 2016, only 5 new discipline cases and 2 new enforcement cases were added.

In the current interface, entering new data is a time consuming process and the search function does not produce accurate results. Regulators have expressed reluctance to put new information into the Library, and the existing data is too old to provide valuable information.

The interface itself has not received any maintenance since it was built. The data in the Library is contained in an old platform that is not well supported anymore, and the visual presentation is outdated with the old 'Canadian Council of Professional Engineers' branding.

Benefits:

Benefits to Engineers Canada

- The Library promotes regulatory excellence by facilitating information sharing among regulators

Benefits to the Regulators

- Regulators have knowledge of current regulatory decisions in other jurisdictions to inform their own practices
- The Library strengthens relationships between regulators by providing a cost-effective and timely way to share information

Vision:

1. The Discipline and Enforcement Library is a modern, accessible database that contains current and relevant information about discipline and enforcement decisions.
2. The Library data is easily entered, maintained, and searchable.
3. All Canadian engineering regulators routinely rely on the Library as a primary resource for sharing information about discipline and enforcement decisions, including uploading their own cases and reviewing those from other jurisdictions.
4. Engineers Canada will manage the ongoing maintenance of the new interface and provide training to users.

Principles:

- Engineers Canada is committed to providing regulators with the tools to facilitate information sharing
- Regulators actively participate in the library refresh process to ensure requirements are accurately captured and developed; participation by all regulators would be most effective
- Regulators are dedicated to maintaining the quality and relevance of their library data for others to benefit from

Stakeholders

Consulted	Chief Executive Officers Group
Collaborated with	National Discipline and Enforcement Officials

Risks

1. Limited availability of regulator personnel to collaborate and consult
2. Ineffective communication to clearly define requirements
3. Scope creep on the intended functions of the database
4. Inadequate level of adoption by regulators
5. Costs to re-build and maintain the interface

Consultation Results