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Positions Statements Related to Firms Engaged in the Practice of Geology, Hydrology and Soil Science

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ARE THERE REGULATIONS CONCERNING FIRMS, PARTNERSHIPS OR CORPORATIONS THAT PRACTICE PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGY, HYDROLOGY OR SOIL SCIENCE?

Yes, [Wis. Stat. 470.045](#) outlines the regulations regarding firms, partnerships and corporations. All employees of the firm, partnership or corporation that are offering services in professional geology, hydrology and soil science must be licensed by the Wisconsin Examining Board of Professional Geologists, Hydrologists, and Soil Scientists. Also, the firm, partnership, or corporation must have been issued a *certificate of authorization*. Applicants for certification of authorization must fill out [form #2404](#) and submit to the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

CAN A FIRM, PARTNERSHIP, OR CORPORATION BE REPRIMANDED FOR THE ACTIONS OF ITS EMPLOYEES?

Yes. Per [Wis. Stat. 470.045\(4\)](#), the firm, partnership, or corporation is responsible for the conduct of its employees. Disciplinary actions that can be taken against the firm are outlined in [Wis. Stat. 470.08\(3\)](#).