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# Competence to Certify Arms Storage Rooms (adapted from NSPE Case No. 98-8)

## Year

1999

## Description

An Engineer with no expertise in arms storage is asked by his superior in the army to certify such a room.

## Body

Adam, a professional engineer with expertise in civil engineering, works at a U.S. Army installation, serving as division chief of the Civilian Building and Grounds Division. An Army official requests that Adam certify that certain arms storage rooms and arms storage satisfy lengthy and detailed Army regulations.

Adams has no significant training or knowledge in this area. He asks if he can take a comprehensive training program that covers this type of work but he is told that there are no training funds available.

Should Adam fulfill the Army official's request?

[NSPE Code of Ethics](#) An earlier version may have been used in this case.

## Notes

See the original NSPE case at: [Competence to Certify Arms Storage Rooms - Case No. 98-8](#).

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