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LECTURE TOPIC

▶**The (un)Ethical Engineer: a study in principle and practice**
Classification: Basic

The integrity of the HVAC industry is dependent on sound technical design, reliable products, skilled construction practice and consistent maintenance and operation. But another critical element that is sometimes overlooked is professional ethics. As members within the HVAC industry engineers, contractors, architects, manufacturers, vendors and building owners are expected to exhibit the highest standard of honesty and integrity to safeguard the confidence that the public has in us. In this very competitive climate, however, it is sometimes tempting to "bend the rules" to some degree in order to gain an advantage over competition or to simply get the job done on time. But how much is too much? Is there a clearly defined line between ethical practice and "just the way things are done?"

"The (un)Ethical Engineer" is an interactive, multimedia, dramatic presentation that explores these issues through the eyes of a well-intentioned engineer.