



Newsletter - Summer 2025

Exciting News for the FGI: We're Now the Flexible Geomembrane Institute

After sixteen years as the Fabricated Geomembrane Institute (FGI), we're proud to announce that we have officially changed our name to the **Flexible Geomembrane Institute**. This change marks an exciting new chapter for our organization, expanding our mission and further solidifying our commitment to the innovative field of geomembrane technology, while maintaining focus on factory fabrication and modular construction.

This updated name better reflects the evolving landscape of the industry and the diverse needs of FGI's growing community of members and industry professionals. By emphasizing flexibility, our new name speaks to the Institute's broader reach, while staying true to the foundational principles and deep expertise in geomembrane applications.

"Expanding the FGI to focus on all flexible geomembrane installations allows us to include field fabrication with our long-term interest in factory fabrication and modular construction," said Dr. Timothy D. Stark, Technical Director of FGI. "As we continue to innovate and grow, we are still the same great organization, providing useful content on current and emerging trends in the industry." Patrick Elliott, President of the FGI also commented, "This simple but strategic change helps align our goals and work closer to represent the needs of our members and industry. While our core focus will always be on factory fabrication the fact remains, we want to provide industry research and technology to focus on providing the best products and techniques to solve all project challenges."

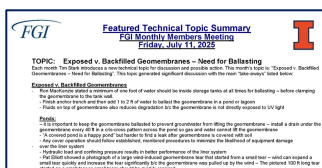
New Domain, Same Valuable Resources

Alongside the name change, FGI has announced a new domain name. Our website is now located at www.thefgi.org. Visitors will continue to find the same valuable content, resources, and educational materials, with the added benefit of a shorter and easier domain name. For any inquiries, please contact Jen Miller at her new email address Jen@thefgi.org.

Please join all of us with the FGI in celebrating this exciting advancement.

About the Flexible Geomembrane Institute (FGI):

The Flexible Geomembrane Institute (formerly the Fabricated Geomembrane Institute) is a leading resource for the development, education, and promotion of geomembrane technology. The FGI is an industry-sponsored, non-profit institute dedicated to advancing the use of fabricated flexible geomembranes through education, research, and technology transfer. The FGI is housed at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.



Featured Technical Topic

Each month during the FGI's Membership Teleconference, Tim Stark introduces a new technical topic for discussion and possible action. This month's topic was: **"Exposed v. Backfilled Geomembranes – Need for Ballasting"**. This topic generated significant discussion. The white paper, including photos, can be viewed/downloaded from the FGI

University of Illinois - FGI Online CQA Course & Certification



If you missed the live offering of the FGI's Online Course and Certification Exam on Manufacturing, Fabrication, & Installation for QA/QC for Geosynthetics, we have you covered. All five parts of the course were recorded and are now available to participate at your convenience in an on-demand course format. The on-demand course will be offered monthly. The five course sessions will be available the first three weeks of each month, with the certification exam available to take online during the last week of the month. The five course sessions are: Part 1 - Manufacturing MQC & MQA, Part 2 -Subgrade Preparation, Part 3 - Factory CQC & CQA, Part 4 - Field CQC & CQA, and Part 5 - Post Installation Maintenance & Leak Location.

Cost \$500 (includes five course sessions and online certification exam)

\$300 (includes five course sessions only, used code: NOEXAM200)

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[August Online CQA Course & Certification - On-Demand Registration](#)

[September Online CQA Course & Certification - On-Demand Registration](#)

[October Online CQA Course & Certification - On-Demand Registration](#)

FGI's Website - #1 Resource for Flexible Geomembranes and Factory Fabricated Panels

- Online PDH Credit Program
- Installation Details & Drawings
- Audio and Video Podcast Series
- Geo-Engineering Pop Quizzes
- Pond Leakage Calculator
- Panel Weight Calculator
- Webinar Library
- Project Spotlights
- Member Directory
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