

# THE GEORGIA PLUMBING NEWS Engineering Spotlight

## *Spencer Bristol Engineering, Inc.*



**Michael Wagner, Seford Penn, Doug Bristol, Frank L'Estrange, Terre Hooks, Rodney Lester, Susan Mohr, Rui Silva, Morley Spencer, Glen Gabriel with Shelby Spencer.**

When Morley Spencer and Doug Bristol joined forces to form Spencer Bristol Engineering, Inc., it was the result of a long and productive professional re-

lationship driven by shared values and similar vision of how to best serve their clients.

They had first worked together in the early 1990's

when they held executive positions at a large international engineering firm, and although each left to start their own engineering firms, over the ensuing decade



they routinely found themselves working together on the same projects. The combination clicked and eventually they reached the decision to merge their practices to form Spencer Bristol Engineering, a consulting engineering firm offering a full range of services provided by a talented team of engineering professionals.

Both principals had a vision of a firm that was client focused and driven by a passion to provide uncomplicated engineering solutions, while remaining small and nimble enough to re-

spond to a fast paced industry. To achieve their vision, they assembled a staff of exceptionally talented professionals, over half of whom are registered engineers with combined professional experience totaling more than a century.

One of their key decisions was to recruit Frank L'Estrange to head their plumbing engineering team. Frank's broad project experience and thoughtful, practical engineering design skills were just a part of his appeal: he was also a perfect choice to lead the firm's

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titled "all fish caught in U.S. –tested streams have mercury in them. It goes on to say that most of the mercury comes from the atmosphere and that power plants and cement factories and garbage incinerators make up most of the contribution. No where does it state the amount of mercury and what the danger levels are. EPA says that 27% of the tested fish had mercury levels high enough to exceed what they consider safe for the average fish eater. Alarmist information. So if you catch a fish in

to eat. But what is the actual amount. And even more important what is the actual amount of mercury that is naturally occurring. There is no Control for the survey.

On the other hand the government is considering a compulsory inoculation for the H1N1 swine flu virus. The penalty for refusing the inoculation is severe. They will immediately quarantine you and charge you with a felony then take you off the a vaccinating resisters refuge. Here is where it gets interesting. The fish story says that it is particularly bad for children, infants, and pregnant women to eat the stream and lake caught

fish. At the same time they may mandate that everyone get inoculated. What is in the vaccine? MERCURY!!! Mercury, some have said, is the root cause of the link between vaccinations and autism and neurological disorders says the "Daily Dose". The CDC has stated the "a certain amount of human wastage" could result. What to do? As recently as July, President Obama stated at a flu summit that "the most important thing ...is to make sure that state and local officials prepare now to implement a vaccination program in the fall." Big Brother bad medicine. ♦

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internal training programs and other critical initiatives such as the firm's transition to Revit.

Frank joined SBE in August, 2007 and quickly proved himself to be an excellent choice for the role. He not only serves in a leadership role in LEED related initiatives, but also played a key role in establishing CAD standards, and instituted and manages SBE's internal training program. He introduced a regular schedule of "lunch and learn" sessions and hands on training ses-

sions, along with other programs that help ensure the highest possible standards of quality are achieved.

Thanks to contributions by Frank and other members of the SBE team, today the firm is a full-service MEP consulting engineering firm with the skills and resources to design and manage projects of any size and complexity. The firm prides itself on the diversity of its client list and project types which range from small single-discipline jobs to demanding projects involving multiple buildings and disciplines, and in industries

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ranging from aviation to education to data centers to detention facilities.

While SBE is respected for its work in new construction projects such as the Jackson County Jail and the newly announced Dunwoody Academic Building at Georgia Perimeter College, perhaps one of the things SBE does best is engineering design for renovation projects. This is where the vision that Doug Bristol and Morley Spencer embraced early on shines through in SBE's practical, uncomplicated engineering solutions to what many might view as daunting and complex.

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