

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council January 14, 2016

The Advisory Council met on Thursday, January 14, 2016. Members attending were: Richard Reed, member and chairman; Tom Jedlinsky, member; Terry Meister, member; Tracey Phelps, member; Mike Gallaway, member; Beth Darnell, member; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit; Nush Courlas, Certification Unit; Elizabeth Buening, DSW; Andy Barienbrock, DDAGW-CO arrived at 9:45 a.m. Beth Darnell was excused from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The Council meeting was called to order at approximately 9:08 a.m. in EPA Central District Office Conference Room A.

Mike Gallaway made a motion to approve the amended December 2015 Council minutes. Terry Meister seconded the motion. Motion carried.

1) Class IV, Examinations (In review)

Water

NAME, LOCATION	DC	BD	VA	TJ	MG	TP	RR	TM
No Class IV's received between December 2015 & January 14, 2016								

Wastewater

NAME, LOCATION	DC	BD	VA	TJ	MG	TP	RR	TM
Brian Clark, Sidney, Ohio 2 nd submittal					**EB	**m	**m	**m

**** Denotes who currently has package. "s" Denotes who is preparing summary.**

"m" Denotes mailed. **EB denotes Elizabeth Buening is reviewing the exam

2) Class IV Actions

WATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
Deborah Hanby	City of Huron	Return for additional information
Mike Fields	City of Bowling Green	Return for additional information
Anthony Vigorito	Mahoning Valley	Recommend denial pending discussion w/AGO

WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
Matthew D. Ice,	Delaware County	Return for additional information
Michael J. Melnyk	Lake County	Return for additional information

Mike Gallaway made a motion to return the exam of Mike Fields for additional information. Tom Jedlinski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mike Gallaway made a motion to return the exam of Deborah Hanby for additional information. Tom Jedlinski seconded the motion. Motion carried. Beth Darnell abstained.

Mike Gallaway made a motion to recommend denial of Class IV certification for Anthony Vigorito pending discussion with the Ohio Attorney General's Office. Beth Darnell seconded the motion. Motion carried. Tom Jedlinsky abstained.

Tom Jedlinsky made a motion to return the exam of Matthew D. Ice for additional information. Terry Meister seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mike Gallaway abstained.

Mike Gallaway made a motion to return the exam of Michael Melnyk for additional information. Terry Meister seconded the motion. Motion carried. Tom Jedlinsky abstained.

3) Extensions

No extension requests were received between the December 18, 2015 and January 14, 2016 meetings.

4) Reciprocity

Jeremy Rubenstein has requested reciprocity with the State of Ohio. He has held a Wastewater Treatment Grade III certification in the State of Kentucky since August 27, 2012. A Wastewater Treatment Grade I certification is the lowest level of certification and a Grade IV Wastewater Treatment is the highest level of certification, Mr. Rubenstein received his State of Kentucky Wastewater Treatment Grade III certification after passing the Kentucky Grade III examination. Kentucky does not use ABC exams, but has shared their examinations with Ohio. Mr. Rubenstein's supervisor has also provided documentation that he is employed by Cincinnati MSD.

Mike Gallaway made a motion recommending Mr. Rubenstein be issued a Class 2 Wastewater Treatment certification. Terry Meister seconded the motion. Motion carried

5) Certifications Issued

Third Party Exam Applications and Operator-in-Training (OIT) applications approved between the December 17, 2015 and January 14, 2016 Council meetings were: Brian C. Blake (WW1); Brian C. Giess (WWA); Mitchell J. Miller (WW1); Chester Louie P. Nabus (WW2) and Jared L. Riley (WD1).

6) Other Business

Between the December 17, 2015 and January 14, 2016 Council meetings, Class IV applications were approved for Michael A. Dolsen (WW), Eric W. Haddix (WW); Deborah L. Kloz (WW); Jason J. Smith (WS).

Mike Gallaway announced this would be his last meeting. Because of heavy work load he can no longer continue on the Advisory Council. Scott Foster from Ohio EPA's SEDO office will be the new Council member. Scott has held a Class 3 Wastewater Treatment certification since 2001.

Council reviewed the 2011-2012 syllabus for Columbus State Community College's Associate of Science in Environmental Science, Safety and Health and the Water and Wastewater Technology Certificate. Mike Gallaway made a motion to accept the 2012 Associate of Science in Environmental Science, Safety and Health with the Water and Wastewater Technology Certification as a substitute for experience credit of 48 months at a Class III level and 24 months at a Class II level. Tracey Phelps seconded the motion. Motion carried. Beth Darnell was not present for this action.

At 10:44 a.m. Mike Gallaway made a motion to move into executive session. Tracey Phelps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 11:15 a.m. Mike Gallaway made a motion to move out of executive session. Beth Darnell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 11:21 a.m. Mike Gallaway made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tracey Phelps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next Council meeting will be held Thursday, February 18, 2016 in Ohio EPA Conference Room B at 9:00 a.m.

Council Approved: April 21, 2016