

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council

March 17, 2016

The Advisory Council met on Thursday, March 17, 2016. Members attending were: Richard Reed, member and chairman; Beth Darnell, member; Terry Meister, member; Tom Jedlinsky, member; Scott Foster, member; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit; Nush Courlas, Certification Unit; Jessica Dingman, Certification Unit.

The Class IV presentation began at 9:08 a.m. in EPA Conference Room A. Nine operators were invited to attend the presentation, Eric W. Haddix, Wilkie L. Mitchell, Tim E. Newland, Jonathan Price, Chris L. Sallee, Jason J. Smith, Kathleen Wade-Dorman, William J. Wallace, and Brent C. Smith. All participants remained to review exemplary Class IV examinations after the presentation.

The Council meeting was called to order at approximately 10:36 a.m. in EPA Conference Room B.

Review and approval of the Council minutes was tabled until April, 2016.

1) Class IV, Examinations (In review)

Water

NAME, LOCATION	DC	BD	VA	TJ	MG	TP	RR	TM
No Class IV's received between February 18, and March 17, 2016								

Wastewater

NAME, LOCATION	DC	BD	VA	TJ	SF	TP	RR	TM
Andy Catanzarite, City of Niles 3 rd (final) submittal, 4 copies					**	**m	**	**s
Deborah L. Klosz, NEORSD 1 st submittal recd 2/18/16, 4 copies			**m		**	**m	**s	
Brian A. Blum, North Olmsted, Return w/invitation to review Class IVs								

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

"m" Denotes mailed.

2) Class IV Actions

WATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
Jason R. Gibboney	City of Huron	Recommended passing pending comments from 4 th Council member
Thomas S. McVicker	City of Cambridge	Recommend denial

WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
Jeffrey L. Meinert	City of Sandusky	Return for more information

Terry Meister made a motion to recommend denial of the examination of Thomas McVicker and to return the examination of Jeffrey Meinert for additional information and passing Jason Gibboney pending final comments. Scott Foster seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3) Extensions

No extensions were requested between the February 18 and March 17, 2016 Council meetings.

4) Reciprocity

Shawn Galyen has requested reciprocity with the State of Ohio. He has held a Wastewater Treatment Grade 2 with the State of New York since September 10, 2013. The lowest is Grade 1, the highest is Grade 4A. New York uses New York ABC exams and has provided a copy of a representative examination for Council's review. The Council reviewed the examination and determined it was equivalent to Ohio's Class 1 Wastewater Treatment examination.

Mark Madoo has requested reciprocity with the State of Ohio. He has held a Wastewater Collection Grade 2 with New England Water Environment Association (NEWEA) Voluntary Certification Program since March 6, 2012. The lowest is Grade 1, the highest is Grade 4. NEWEA uses their own exams and provided a copy of a representative examination for Council's review.

Jared T. Miller has requested reciprocity with the State of Ohio. He has held a Wastewater Works Class 1 certification with the State of Virginia since July 18, 2014. The lowest is Class 4 and the highest is Class 1 certification. The State of Virginia uses their own exams and will not provide a copy of a representative examination for Council's review.

Scott Foster made a motion recommending reciprocity request Jared Miller be denied and Shawn Galyen be granted a Class 1 Wastewater Treatment certification pending proof of employment in the State of Ohio. Tom Jedlinsky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mark Madoo's request was tabled pending further review.

5) Certifications Issued

Third Party Exam Applications and Operator-in-Training (OIT) applications approved between the February 18 and March 17, 2016 Council meetings were: Nick L. Brod (WSA); Marcus J. Brown (WS1); Wayne A. Carkido (WW2); Derek S. Cole (WC1 & WD1); David W. Combs (WS2); David J. Cromley (WC1); Thomas S. Edwards (WS1); Herschel A. Estridge (WS1); Joel E. Finck (WW2); Richard L. Fitch (WS1); Kenneth J. Griffith (WS1); Brad L. Hutchinson (WC1); Michael J. Jelenic (WW1); Kyle D. Johnson (WW2); Marcus A. Leibas (WW2); William N. Long (WS1); Joshua D. Markey (WC2); James M. Muskera (WW2); Stephen S. Robinson (WSA); Benjamin A. Sebolt (WW1); Richard C. Spencer (WW1 & WSA); Michael L. Stahl (WSA); William M. Wisecarver (WWA); Brady E. West (WS1); Duane H. Zorger Jr. (WW2).

6) Other Business

Between the February 17, 2016 and March 18, 2016 Council meetings, Class IV Water Supply applications were approved for Keshia Kinney and Jeremey J. Ray.

Council reviewed the Associate of Science degree major of Renewable Energy from the Agricultural Technical Institute of The Ohio State University and the Bachelor of Arts degree major of Environmental Studies from the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs of Cleveland State University. Beth Darnell made a motion to reject both majors, as submitted. Tom Jedlinsky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 11:58 a.m. Terry Meister made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott Foster seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

The next Council meeting will be held Thursday, April 21, 2016 in Ohio EPA Conference Room B at 9:00 a.m.

Council Approved: April 21, 2016