

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council

December 18, 2014

Present for the Council meeting on Thursday, December 18, 2014, were: Richard Reed, member and chair; Terry Meister, member; Mike Gallaway, member; Dan Cloyd, member; Tracey Phelps, member; Verna Arnette, member; Tom Jedlinsky, member; Beth Darnell, member; Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit.

The Class IV presentation began at 9:05 a.m. in EPA Conference Room A. Four operators, Rick Hamant, Mike Maringer, Jeff Meinert and Brett Young attended the presentation. All participants remained to review exemplary Class IV examinations after the presentation.

The regular meeting was called to order at approximately 10:20 a.m. in EPA Conference Room B. Terry Meister left the meeting at approximately 12:03 p.m. after meeting with Orin McMonigal and Bill Gollnitz.

Tracey Phelps made a motion seconded by Mike Gallaway to approve the November 20, 2014 minutes as revised. Motion carried. Beth Darnell abstained

1) Class IV, Examinations (In review)

Water

NAME, LOCATION	DC	BD	VA	TJ	MG	TP	RR	TM
No Class IVs were distributed 12/18/14								

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"m" Denotes mailed.

Wastewater

NAME, LOCATION	DC	BD	VA	TJ	MG	TP	RR	TM
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2) Class IV Actions

WATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
No Class IVs were	distributed 11/20/2014	

WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
Ryan M. Hill	City of Oberlin	Return for additional information
Daniel C. Smith	Westerly WWTC	Return for additional information

Tracey Phelps made a motion recommending the Class IV examinations of Ryan M. Hill and Daniel C Smith be returned for additional information. Tom Jedlinsky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3) Reciprocity

Andrew J. Reid has requested reciprocity with the State of Ohio. He has held Wastewater Treatment Grade IV in the State of Wisconsin since February 15, 2007. Mr. Reid received his Wisconsin certification through reciprocity from Alberta, Canada where he held a Wastewater Treatment Grade IV, Canada's highest level of certification. Canada used the ABC exams when Mr. Reid became certified. Mr. Reid worked in a large complex WW treatment plant from 1998 until 2007 and he holds an A.S. in Water Quality Technology from Okanagan University, British Columbia, Canada.

Ben T. Thornsberry has requested reciprocity with the State of Ohio. He has held a Wastewater Treatment Class II certification with the State of Indiana since November 3, 2013. The State of Indiana does not use ABC examinations for their certification and have not shared their examinations with the State of Ohio.

The State of Wisconsin uses ABC examinations for their wastewater certifications. Council has reviewed the ABC examinations and determined the ABC 4 is equivalent to Ohio's Class 3 Wastewater Treatment examination.

Beth Darnell made a motion recommending Andrew J. Reid be granted Class 3 Wastewater Treatment certification pending proof of employment in the State of Ohio and Ben Thornsberry be denied reciprocity with the State of Ohio. Dan Cloyd seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5) Extensions

Jeremy L. Bowser, Veolia Water, has asked for an extension to submit his Class IV. His first submittal is due December 30, 2014. On November 14, 2014 Mr. Bowser requested an extension to submit his Class IV examination. Mike Gallaway made a motion to grant Mr. Bowser a twelve month extension to submit his Class IV. Tom Jedlinsky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6) Operating-in-Training

Operator-in-Training (OIT) applications approved between the November 20, 2014 and December 16, 2014 Council meetings were: Ata A. Adeel (WW2); Rick M. Akeman (WS1); William C. Bassitt (WW1); Tonia L. Beacom (WD2); Brandon M. Brehm (WD2); David W. Combs (WS1); Ken W. Edie (WS2); Mark E. Eller (WW1); Jared K. Fleming (WD1); Daniel Fonseca, Jr. (WS1); Daniel J. Frazzine (WC2); Kyle A. Heffner (WW1); James P. Hetterich (WW1); Ricky T. Ireland (WD1); Matthew R. Johnson (WW1); Shari L. Kreutzfeld (WS1); Luke A. Kromer (WC2); Scott G. Langenkamp (WS1); Jeff S. Lirot (WD1 and WW1); Shane Michael Long (WW2); Dwayne D. Mace (WS1); Michael W. Mange (WWA); Logan P. McCormick (WD1); Shawn P. Needham (WD2); Drew F. Sargeant (WW2); Adam M. Sisson (WS2); Chase D. Smith (WW1); Jordan A. Smith (WW1); Sean D. Smith (WS1); John A. Sukosd Jr. (WW2); Dean F. Throckmorton III (WW1 & WS1); Thomas C. Tiley (WW2); Michel P. Tubbs (WC1); Randy Weeks (WS2); Sean S. Ziakam (WD2).

7) Other Business

Orin McMonigal and Bill Gollnitz met with Council from 10:34 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

The review of new examination questions was tabled until the January, 2015 meeting.

At 12:27 p.m. Mike Gallaway made a motion to move into executive session. Tracey Phelps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 12:50 p.m. Mike Gallaway made a motion to move out of executive session. Verna Arnette seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were no Class IV applications approved between the November 20, 2014 and December 18, 2014 Council meetings.

At 12:57 Mike Gallaway made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tracey Phelps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next Council meeting will be held Thursday, January 22, 2015 in Ohio EPA Conference Room B.

Council Approved: January 22, 2015