

**Minutes of the Advisory Board of Examiners  
for Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator  
Certification  
April 21, 2005**

Present for the meeting on April 21st were: Deborah Metz chair; Richard Lorenz, member; Robert Brown, member; Kirk Leifheit, member; Vui Chung, member; Dail Holloper, member; Chris Clark, member; Chris Bowman, OEPA; David Bornino, OEPA; Andrew Barienbrock and Susan Parkins, Certification Unit.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:40 a.m. Chris Clark made a motion, seconded by Robert Brown, to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2005 meeting. Motion carried.

**1) Class IV, Applications  
WATER**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>EMPLOYER</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
James J. Miller	City of Lorain	Water	DDAGW and Office of Legal Services Recommend Approval
Mark A. Petrie	City of Lorain	Water	DDAGW and Office of Legal Services Recommend Approval
Lawrence Ploscik	City of Cleveland	Water	DDAGW and Office of Legal Services Recommend Approval
Stephen S. Rhodes	City of Newark	Water	DDAGW and Office of Legal Services Recommend Approval
Gary G. Wick	City of Fairfield	Water	DDAGW and Office of Legal Services Recommend Approval

**WASTEWATER**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>EMPLOYER</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
Robert Shelby	Lake Co Dept of Utilities	Wastewater	DDAGW and Office of Legal Services Recommend Approval
Noble Fulcher	Hamilton Co Metro Sewer Dist	Wastewater	DDAGW and Office of Legal Services Recommend Approval
Tracy McPherson	City of Lima	Wastewater	DDAGW and Office of Legal Services Recommend Approval
Harry McVey	City of Wilmington	Wastewater	DDAGW and Office of Legal Services Recommend Approval

2) **Class IV, Examination Actions**

**WASTEWATER**

NAME, LOCATION	KL	CC	VC	RL	DH	DM	BB
Thomas W. Stickle, Aurora (1 copy)		X			X		X
Paul Menz, City of Lancaster		X	X		X		X
John Nemet, Newton Falls		X	X		X		X

3) **Class IV, Examination (in review)**

**WATER**

NAME, LOCATION	KL	CC	VC	RL	DH	DM	BB
Terry Huber, City of Lima (resubmittal)	X			**			
Tim Newland, City of Bellefontaine (resubmittal – 1 copy)	**						

\*\* denotes who currently has package  
 x denotes who has reviewed package

**WASTEWATER**

NAME, LOCATION	KL	CC	VC	RL	DH	DM	BB
Charles Yannucci -Resubmittal Plant Section		X	X		X		X
Lowell E. Eisnaugle, Southerly WWTP		X	X		X		X
Paul Sandstrom, Delaware Co WRD		X	X		X		X

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Chris Clark made a motion, seconded by Bob Brown recommended approval of John Nemet's examination; to return Mr. Stickle's examination for additional information on the planning, plant, research, and system sections; and to return Mr. Menz's examination for additional information in the administration, plant, budget, design, system, and planning sections. Motion carried.

#### 4) OIT's - Actions

NAME	EXAM TYPE	ACTION
Larry C. Barker	WW	Recommended approval
Chet Bolender	WC1	Recommended approval
Todd A. Brandenburg	WC2	Additional information required
Josh W. Caldwell	WS1	Recommended approval
Kim P. Cassady	WS1	Recommended approval
Daniel L. Davis	WC1	Not enough time
Ronald E. Doebert	WD2	Recommended approval
Michael Hoeflich	WW1	Recommended approval
Richard P. Hughes	WS1	Recommended approval
Timothy W. Hurley	WD1	Recommended approval
Keith M. Manning	WW1	Recommended approval
Donald J. Martinson	WW1	Not enough time
Patrick M. McLaughlin	WS1	Recommended Approval
Patrick McLaughlin	WW2	Recommended Approval
Stephen L. Miller	WS3	Recommended approval
William V. Miller	WD2	Recommended approval
Mark A. Richards	WW3	Not enough time. Short 652.5 hours
Carol S. Scales	WS1	Not enough time. Short 6 mo.
Jaunita Torres	WS1	Recommended approval
Douglas E. Warrick	WD2	Recommended approval
Timothy D. Wood	WW3	Recommended approval

Dail Hollopeter made a motion, seconded by Kirk Leifheit, that Todd A Brandenburg resubmit with additional information; that Daniel Davis, Donald Martinson, Mark Richards, and Carol Scales resubmit OIT documentation when they have enough time; and that OIT documentation and recommend the issuance of certificates to the remainder of the operators above. Motion carried.

**5) Reciprocity**  
Kirk Leifheit made a motion, seconded by Chris Clark to grant reciprocity to J. Todd Carpenter, who holds an Arizona WW Class IV based on the fact that Arizona's examination was submitted and was deemed equivalent to the Ohio Class III; and to deny reciprocity for Rodney Cole, Virginia – Water IV and Charles White, Virginia – Water IV, Wastewater IV, as the examinations were not made available for Board review.  
Motion carried.

**6) Strategic Plan**

Work continued on Class IV Exam revisions including discussion of various operational control methods under the "Plant" section.

The Board also discussed the inclusion of a general response to the Plant Section of the exam that would cover one of the biggest omissions that occurs during the exam writing process. This general paragraph will cover the discussion of design vs. actual operating criteria.

**7) Other Business**

ABC examination questions were discussed.

The Board reviewed Tim Desmond's and Matt Clayton's requests for extensions of time to meet their OIT experience requirements for the Wastewater Collections II certificate. Chris Clark made a motion, seconded by Richard Lorenz, recommending that the extensions be granted. Motion carried.

Marvin Gnagy's examination questions were discussed with copies distributed to the members.

Chris Clark made a motion seconded by Kirk Leifheit that the Certified Pool/SPA Operator Training Course Seminar March 3 and 4, 2005 not be approved for contact hours. Chris Decker had requested course approval on a Form G. Motion carried.

**8) Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:10 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2005. Chris Clark motioned, Kirk Leifheit seconded. Motion carried.

Board Approved: May 19, 2005