

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council

April 26, 2007

Present for the meeting on April 26, 2007 were: Deborah Metz, member and chair; Chris Clark, member; Robert Brown, member; Dail Hollopeter, member; Vui Chung, member; Kirk Leifheit, member; Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit. Jim Simpson, member arrived at 9:40 a.m. and Richard Lorenz, member arrived at 9:50 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:42 a.m. Dail Hollopeter made a motion, seconded by Chris Clark, that the minutes of the March 15, 2007 meeting be approved. Motion carried. (Jim Simpson and Richard Lorenz were not present for the vote.)

1) Class IV, Examinations (In Review)

WATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	DM	RL	VC	JS	CC	DH	RB
George Ginnis, City of Campbell (resubmittal)	**	**	**			**		
Thomas Holloway, Mahoning Valley Sanitary District	**	**	**	**				
Peter Lamantia, City of Steubenville	**	**	**	**				

WASTEWATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	DM	RL	VC	JS	CC	DH	RB
Bradley Borer, City of Tiffin					**	**	**	**
Douglas Brown, City of Lorain (resubmittal)				**		**	**	**
Carl Gatton, Warren Co. 1 copy		**						
Edward Haller, NEORSD (resubmittal)	**					**	**	**
James Johnson, City of Fremont				**	**		**	**
Paul Solanics, City of Solon					**	**	**	**
James Webber, City of Youngstown			**	**	**	**		

**** Denotes who currently has package x Denotes who has reviewed package**

2) Class IV Actions

WATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Timothy A. Stephens	City of Cleveland	WS	Return for additional information
Gary Wick	City of Fairfield	WS	Request he meet with Council

WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Michael Cravens	City of Lucas	WW	Return for additional information
Robert Burkhard	City of Barberton	WW	Recommended for approval
David M. Wilson	Butler County	WW	Return for additional information

Kirk Leifheit made a motion, seconded by Vui Chung that Robert Burkhard be recommended for approval to receive his Class IV Wastewater Treatment certificate; that Timothy A Stephens, Michael Cravens and David Wilson, be returned for additional information and that Gary Wick be invited to meet with the Council. Motion carried.

3) OITs

NAME	EXAM TYPE	ACTION
Larry C. Barker	WW II	Recommended for approval
Robert D. Coon	WD II	Recommended for approval
Terry F. Gatton	WW II	Recommended for approval
David D. Knaus	WW I	Recommended for approval
Craig McCullough	WW I	Recommended for approval
Timothy R. Neyer	WS III	Recommended for approval
Derek Schultz	WS I	Recommended for approval
Ted J. Smith	WW III	Recommended for approval
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Oscar R. Walters	WS III	Recommended for approval

Chris Clark made a motion, seconded by Vui Chung, recommending that all of the above be issued certificates. Motion carried. (Jim Simpson and Richard Lorenz were not present for the vote.)

4) **Strategic Planning**

Replacements for Deborah Metz and Dail Hollopeter were discussed. Their terms expire June, 2007. Resumes were distributed and reviewed. Following a discussion, the Council recommended two candidates. The Agency will prepare a referral to the Director for selection.

5) **Extension Requests**

Chris Clark made a motion, seconded by Dail Hollopeter, recommending that John A. Clark be granted a three-month extension to complete his Class IV examination. Motion carried. (Jim Simpson and Richard Lorenz were not present for the vote.)

6) **Other Business**

The Council reviewed OTCO's Basic Water 1998 correspondence course materials in order to determine credit for work experience. Dail Hollopeter made a motion seconded by Robert Brown recommending that OTCO's Basic Water correspondence course purchased and completed between January 1, 1998 and August 2004 be accepted for four months of experience time. Motion carried.

Course relevance: Kirk Leifheit made a motion, seconded by Chris Clark recommending that the courses titled **Roadside Mowing, Chainsaw Maintenance, Bucket Truck Operation** from Ohio LTAP Center, Department of Transportation not be renewed for contact hours. Based upon the explanation provided, the subject matter does not appear to be relevant to a water or wastewater operators. Motion carried.

The Council moved into executive session to discuss recent enforcement issues.

Since the March 15th Council meeting Class IV applications were approved for Tim S. Miller, Phillip A. Farrar, Lalit K. Gupta, Terry L. Morris, and Wiley S. Wyman.

7) **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:50 a.m. on Thursday April 26, 2007. Dail Hollopeter made a motion, seconded by Chris Clark. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 31, 2007 in Conference Room B on the 6th Floor.

Council Approved: May 31, 2007