

Minutes of the Advisory Board of Examiners for Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification August 17, 2006

Present for the meeting on August 17, 2006 were: Deborah Metz member and chair; Robert Brown, member; Vui Chung member; Chris Clark, member; Richard Lorenz member; Kirk Leifheit, member; Dave Bornino, Certification Unit; Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:40 a.m. Robert Brown made a motion, seconded by Chris Clark, to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2006 meeting as amended. Motion carried.

1) Class IV Application:

Water

James Bookman, City of Lima

Ohio EPA recommended denial due to lack of experience.

2) Class IV, Examinations (in review)

WATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	CC	VC	RL	DH	DM	RB
Steve Heimlich, Ottawa County	**		**	**		**	

WASTEWATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	CC	VC	RL	DH	DM	RB
Dean Posekany, City of Columbus (resubmittal)	**	**			**		**

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

3) Class IV, Examinations Actions

WATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Flahiff, Joseph	City of Fremont	Water	Recommended approval
Kenneth Yee	City of Berea	Water	Return for additional information
Sandra Vozar	City of Berea	Water	Return for additional information

WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Doug Brown	City of Lorain	WW	Return for additional information
Allen Dawson	City of Washington Court House	WW	Return for additional information
Larry Scanlan	Greater Cincinnati MSD	WW	Return for additional information
Jason Tincu	City of Xenia	WW	Return for additional information
Tony Ulrich	City of Massillon (resubmittal)	WW	Recommended approval upon condition of BB final review

Kirk Leifheit made a motion seconded by Chris Clark that Joseph Flahiff be recommended for approval to receive his Water Class IV certificate; that additional information be requested from Kenneth Yee, Sandra Vojar, Doug Brown, Allen Dawson, Larry Scanlan, and Jason Tincu; and that Tony Ulrich be recommended for approval to receive his Wastewater Class IV certificate pending final review by Robert Brown. Motion carried.

4) OIT - Actions

NAME	EXAM TYPE	ACTION
David Ackerman	WW I	Recommended approval
Robert Baker	WW I	Recommended approval
Chad Baumbarger	WC I	Recommended approval
William Culver	WS I	Recommended approval
Chad Hall	WW II	Recommended approval
Clint Krendick	WW I	Recommended approval pending receipt of dated & notarized OIT form
Donald Linn	WW III	Recommended approval pending receipt of DMA
Gerard Mach	WC I	Recommended approval
Robert Pangborn	WS I	Recommended approval pending receipt of DMA
Daniel Purdy	WS III	Recommended approval
Charles Russ II	WW I	Recommended approval

Walter Sadzewicz	WW I	Recommended approval
Scott Sander	WW I	Recommend denial – extension time expired
Gene Shock	WW III	Recommended approval
Judy Tomaro	WS I	Recommended approval
Richard Tomidajewicz	WWIII	Recommended approval
Theresa Vanderlin	WW I	Recommended approval
Neil Vollrath	WWI	Recommended approval pending receipt of DMA

Kirk Leifheit made a motion, seconded by Chris Clark, recommending that all of the above be issued certificates, except that Clint Krendick, Robert Pangborn, and Neil Vollrath be issued certificates upon receipt of OIT and/or DMA documentation with original signatures, and that Scott Sander be denied as extension time has expired. Motion carried.

5) **Strategic Planning**

Class IV exam discussions were continued.

6) **Other Business**

The Board moved into executive session to discuss additional certification issues.

Kirk Leifheit made a motion that David McNeeley, John Adams, and Jeffrey Stone each be granted a twelve-month extension to complete their Wastewater Class IV examination requirements. Robert Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed an application for contact hour course approval for the courses titled, “**Culvert Inventory & Inspection**” and “**Bridge Maintenance Overview**”. Robert Brown made a motion that the courses not be recommended for contact hours. Kirk Leifheit seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed one wastewater exam challenge. Robert Brown made a motion that the exam challenge be denied. Chris Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Andrew Barienbrock informed the Board that Ohio EPA is still looking for Water Supply III and Water Distribution II operators to review questions

from ABC's databanks. The Board has previously performed these reviews. If any Board member knows of operators willing to perform this task, please let him know.

Andrew Barienbrock has attended meetings with The Ohio State University regarding conducting job analyses for the different classification of operators. Ohio State uses volunteer panels to assist in its training of individuals to conduct these analyses. They have asked Ohio EPA to provide a panel. Ohio EPA will be providing a panel of Class I operators or operators operating Class I plants. If any Board member knows of operators willing to assist in this process and participate on the panel, please let him know.

Approximately 4,200 certification renewal letters are being mailed Friday, August 18, 2006. This year, the remittance deadline is November 30, 2006, thirty days prior to the expiration date of the certifications. Operators may still submit renewal applications by January 31, 2007 without penalty but may not be in responsible charge after December 31, 2006 unless they have renewed their certification.

An information session regarding the new rules will be held at 4:00 p.m. today, August 17, 2006 followed by a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. Advisory Board members are welcome to attend.

7) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:55 p.m. on Thursday, August 17, 2006. Vui Chung made a motion, seconded by Robert Brown. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held Thursday, September 21, 2006.

Board Approved: September 21, 2006