

Minutes of the Advisory Board of Examiners for Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification February 16, 2006

Present for the meeting on February 16, 2006 were: Kirk Leifheit, member; Dail Holloper, member; Robert Brown, member; Deborah Metz, chair; Chris Clark, member; Vui Chung, member; Andrew Barienbrock, Ohio EPA Certification Unit, and Susan Parkins, Certification Unit. Richard Lorenz, member, arrived at approximately 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:45 a.m. Chris Clark made a motion, seconded by Kirk Leifheit, to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

1) Class IV, Applications

The Board received notification that the Division of Surface Water has reviewed and recommended the following action related to a Class IV application:

WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Craig Pierce	City of Conneaut	Wastewater	DSW Recommends Approval
Jeffrey Ratliff	City of Oxford	Wastewater	DSW Recommends Approval

2) Class IV, Examinations (in review)

WATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	CC	VC	RL	DH	DM	RB
William Bowers, City of Cleveland	**		**	**		** Disk	
Martin J. Kielbasa, Mahoning Valley (resubmittal)	**		**	**		**	

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WASTEWATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	CC	VC	RL	DH	DM	RB
Robert DeMarco, Conneaut (resubmittal - 1 copy)		** mailed	** mailed		**		** mailed

Noble Fulcher, Cincinnati MSD		**	**		**		**
T. Gregory Hildebrand, City of Hamilton (resubmittal - 1 copy)		**					
Paul Menz, City of Lancaster (resubmittal)		**	**		**		**
Corey Timko, Black River WWTP (resubmittal - 1 copy)		**	**		**		**

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3) OIT - Actions

NAME	EXAM TYPE	ACTION
Kenneth D. Beisser	WW I	Recommend Approval
Daniel L. Davis	WW I	Recommend Approval – Supercedes WC1
Bruce R. Haughawout	WW III	Recommend Approval
Michael E. Hoeflich	WS I	Additional information needed.
Paul E. McManis	WC I	Recommend Approval
Tate F. Neiswonger	WW I	Recommend Approval
Scott D. Sander	WW I	Additional information required
Ken D. Vanke	WS 1	Recommend Approval

Chris Clark made a motion, seconded by Kirk Leifheit, recommending additional information be requested from Scott D. Sander, and that approval and the issuance of certificates be recommended for the remainder of the operators above. Motion carried.

4) Reciprocity

Richard C. Ketchem holds a WW Class I certification in Kentucky. Kentucky does not use the ABC examinations and, at the current time, does not share their examinations with the State of Ohio. A letter will be sent to Mr. Ketchem indicating that his application is incomplete and that Ohio EPA is unable to process it at this time.

5) Other Business

Kirk Leifheit made a motion, seconded by Chris Clark that Joseph M. Flahiff, City of Fremont be granted an extension until April 31, 2006 to submit his Water Supply Class IV examination. Motion carried

Andrew Barienbrock gave a rule update. Thirty (30) sets of comments were received on the proposed rules. The Responsiveness Summary is being prepared along with the rules filing package. A June, 2006 effective date for new rules is anticipated.

The Department of Administrative Services is currently reviewing the Class A RFP. It is anticipated that the request for proposals will be advertised within two weeks.

The Board moved into executive session to discuss pending enforcement issues.

6) Strategic Planning

The Board continued to discuss Class IV exam revisions, including the implementation of pass/fail procedures similar to those for the class I - III exams. It was requested that the follow-up be added to the March 2006 agenda.

Bob Osendorf will be added to March 2006 agenda to review and discuss newest revisions to the Class IV exam scoring procedures.

7) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:25 p.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2006. Vui Chung motioned, Kirk Leifheit seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held Thursday, March 16, 2006.

Board Approved: _____