

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council

August 28, 2008

Present for the meeting on Thursday, July 16, 2008 were: Richard Reed, member and vice chair; Beth Darnell, member; Kirk Leifheit, member; Terry Meister, member; Jim Simpson, member; Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Jessica Dingman, Certification Unit; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit; Dave Bornino, Certification Unit. Richard Lorenz joined on a conference call at 12:14 p.m. to participate in actions for Class IV examination and OIT recommendations.

The meeting was called to order with a quorum at approximately 9:00 a.m. Beth Darnell made a motion seconded by Kirk Leifheit that the corrected minutes of the July 16, 2008 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

1) Class IV, Examinations (In review)

WATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	BD	RL	VC	JS	CC	RR	TM
James V. Bates, City of Sebring resubmittal 4 copies	** S	**	**	**				

WASTEWATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	BD	RL	VC	JS	CC	RR	TM
Bryan D. Curry, City of Newark resubmittal 4 copies					**	**	** S	**
William W. Young, City of Springfield resubmittal 4 copies					**	**	**	** S

**** Denotes who currently has package. "X" Denotes who has reviewed package
"S" Denotes who is preparing summary.**

2) Class IV Actions

WATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Gary Wick	City of Fairfield	WS	Recommend denial
Jeffrey Swertfeger	Greater Cincinnati Water Works	WS	Recommend for approval

Kirk Leifheit made a motion seconded by Beth Darnell that the examination from Jeffrey Swertfeger be approved. Motion carried. Kirk Leifheit made a motion seconded by Richard Lorenz that the examination from Gary G. Wick be recommended for denial. Motion carried

3) OITs

NAME	EXAM TYPE	ACTION
Ariss, Walter	WW 3	Recommend Approval
Beary, David	WS 1	Recommend Approval
Bomeli, Jason	WC 2	Recommend Approval
Bowlen, Milton	WW 1	Recommend Approval
Crego, Robert	WS 3	Recommend Approval
Harper, Dewey	WW 1	Recommend Approval
Heller, Mark	WS 1	Recommend Approval
Hyatt, James	WS 1	Recommend Approval
Johnston, Scot	WW 1	Recommend Approval
Kennedy, John F.	WS 3	Recommend Approval
Kilbarger, Jeffrey	WW 2	Recommend Approval
Kinzy, Nathan	WW 1	Recommend Approval
King, Nathan	WW 1	Recommend Approval
King, Scott	WD 1	Recommend Approval
Kopinski, Steve D.	WW 1	Recommend Approval
Lee II, John M.	WS 1	Recommend Approval
Matson, Quenten	WS 1	Recommend Approval
Miller, Craig	WS 1	Recommend Approval
Nye, Robert	WD 1	Recommend Approval
Phelps, Kenneth	WD 1	Recommend Approval
Sarver, J. Roger	WS 2	Recommend Approval
Smith, Matthew	WW 1	Recommend Approval
Smith, Ryan	WW 1	Recommend Approval
Stieber, Mark	WC 1	Recommend Approval
Werstler, Larry	WW 2	Pending receipt of original signatures

Kirk Leifheit made a motion, seconded by Beth Darnell, recommending that all the above be issued certificates with the exception of Larry Werstler and that Larry Werstler be issued a certificate upon receipt of application with original signatures. Motion carried. Kirk Leifheit made a motion, seconded by Richard Reed, recommending Dewey Harper be issued a certificate. Motion carried. Terry Meister abstained from the vote.

4) Extensions

Kirk Leifheit made a motion, seconded by Terry Meister, that Richard Steinhebel, North Canton, be granted a one-year extension to submit his Class IV examination with a new due date of October 27, 2009. Motion carried.

Kirk Leifheit made a motion, seconded by Jim Simpson, that David McNeeley, NEORSD, be granted a one-year extension to submit his Class IV examination with a new due date of September 7, 2009. Motion carried. Terry Meister abstained from the vote.

5) Reciprocity

Seth M. Borland's reciprocity requests for reciprocity from the State of Iowa were discussed. Iowa uses questions from the Association of Boards of Certification (ABC). The Council has reviewed the ABC database and determined ABC's Class II wastewater treatment exam does not have an Ohio equivalent. ABC's Class III Water Treatment examination is equivalent to the Ohio Class I Water Supply examination. Jim Simpson made a motion seconded by Beth Darnell that Mr. Borland be issued a Class I Water Supply certification upon proof of employment and not be granted a wastewater certification through reciprocity. Motion carried.

6) Course Relevancy

The content of a course titled, "Toilet Training 101", previously approved for contact hours, was reviewed by Council. Kirk Leifheit made a motion seconded by Beth Darnell that training conducted prior to September 1, 2008 may be used for contact hours under the old course approval number and that the course will not be renewed for future training. Motion carried.

7) Other Business

The Council reviewed examination questions submitted by Terry Meister, Richard Reed and James Simpson. The fourteen wastewater questions will be added to the Agency's examination question banks.

Council members with expertise in Water were asked to develop five exam questions each for the next meeting.

Class IV applications for Laura Adams (WW), Charles Ash(WW), James Culbertson(WW), Kevin Krejny(WW), Robert Kale(WW), Kenney Linebaugh(WW) and Shawn Wagner (WS) were approved between the July 2008 and August 2008 Council meetings.

7) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Kirk Leifheit made a motion seconded by Beth Darnell, that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 12:21 p.m. on Thursday August 28, 2008. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, September 25, 2008 in Ohio EPA conference room B (6th floor).

Council Approved: September 25, 2008