

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council

June 18, 2015

The Advisory Council met on Thursday, June 18, 2015. Members attending were: Richard Reed, member and chairman; Beth Darnell, member; Dan Cloyd, member; Tom Jedlinsky, member; Terry Meister, member; Tracey Phelps, member; Verna Arnette, member; Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit.

Elizabeth Buening, Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, Central Office attended the meeting.

At approximately 9:10 a.m., guests, Brian Blum, Keith Bovard, Mirko Kucinic, Yann LeGouellec, Lance Livesay, and Thomas Zompero met Council members and EPA Staff for a Class IV presentation. Council members responded to questions guests asked about the Class IV exam process. After the presentation, guests remained in Conference Room A to review exemplary Class IV exams.

The Council meeting was called to order at approximately 10:56 a.m. in EPA Conference Room B.

Beth Darnell made a motion seconded by Tracey Phelps to approve the May 14, 2015 minutes. Motion carried. Verna Arnette abstained.

1) Class IV, Examinations (In review)

Water

NAME, LOCATION	DC	BD	VA	TJ	MG	TP	RR	TM
Thomas S. McVicker, City of Cambridge 2 nd submittal, 4 copies, recd. 5/29/15	**	**s	**	**				
James. L. Borton, CH ₂ MHill 1 st submittal, 4 copies, recd. 6/16/15	**	**	**s	**				

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Wastewater

NAME, LOCATION	DC	BD	VA	TJ	MG	TP	RR	TM
Michael J. Melyn, Lake County 1 st submittal, 4 copies, recd. 5/29/15					**	**	**	**s
Daniel C. Smith, Westerly WWTP 2 nd submittal, 4 copies, recd. 4/21/15	**				**	**s	**	
Kirk A. Fioresi, Taylor Creek-Cincinnati 1st submittal, 4 copies, recd. 6/16/15					**	**	**s	**

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2) Class IV Actions

WATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
No water exams distributed for review on 05/14/2015		

WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
Nathan W. Coey	City of Pataskala	Recommend returning for additional information
Ryan M. Hill	City of Oberlin	Recommend returning for additional information
Matthew D. Ice	Delaware County	Recommend returning for additional information

Tracey Phelps made a motion seconded by Tom Jedlinsky to return Nathan Coey's examination pending all final reviews and to return the examinations of Ryan Hill and Mathew Ice for additional information. Motion carried.

3) Extensions

Vincent J. Zampelli, City of Akron, has a due date of May 30, 2015 for his Class IV Wastewater Treatment Examination. On May 7, 2015, Mr. Zampelli requested an extension. Mr. Zampelli's original due date was May 30, 2014. In May, 2014 Mr. Zampelli requested and was granted a one year extension to complete his Class IV submittal. This is Mr. Zampelli's second one year extension request.

Jeffrey S. Blair, Green County Sanitary Engineering, has a due date of July 15, 2015 for his Class IV Water Supply examination. On June 9, 2015, Mr. Blair requested an extension of time to complete his Class IV examination.

Frank McKeon, City of Painesville has a due date of August 25, 2015 for his Class IV Water Supply examination. On June 18, 2015, Mr. McKeon requested an extension of time to complete his Class IV examination.

Beth Darnell made a motion to deny Mr. Zampelli's second extension request and grant one year extensions for Mr. Blair and Mr. McKeon. Terry Meister seconded the motion. Motion carried

4) Reciprocity

Jerry A. Bowser has requested reciprocity with the State of Ohio. He has held a Wastewater Class A since April, 1999 with the State of Florida. Florida is no longer using ABC exams and will not share a representative copy of the examination taken by Mr. Bowser.

Jesse L.A. Randles has requested reciprocity with the State of Ohio. He has held a Wastewater Class A,E,1,4 certification in the State of Pennsylvania since December 13, 2013. Mr. Randles received his Pennsylvania certification through reciprocity with the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). On 6/17/15 Ohio EPA received verification that the CNMI has been using ABC exams and Mr. Randles had taken the equivalent of an ABC Class III exam. .

Stephen J. Wilkins has requested reciprocity with the State of Ohio. He has held a Water Treatment Class A since 7/8/1997 and a Water Distribution Class A since 5/11/2004 both with the State of South Carolina. South Carolina uses ABC exams.

Terry Meister made a motion recommending Mr. Bowser's reciprocity request be denied, Mr. Randles be issued a Class 2 Wastewater Treatment certification pending proof of employment in the State of Ohio and Mr. Wilkins be issued a Class 3 Water Supply certification pending proof of employment in the State of Ohio. Beth Darnell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5) Operating-in-Training

Operator-in-Training (OIT) applications approved between the April 16, 2015 and May 14, 2015 Council meetings were: Mark A. Bennett (WS1); James T. Bowe, Jr. (WS1); Thomas A. Brickley (WW2); Adam R. Davis (WW2); Seth A. Epley, (WS2); Jack J. Evans (WS1); Michael James Fortesque (WW1); James A. Gibbs, Jr.(WW2); Robert G. Henry (WC2); Chad A. Hess (WW1); David A. Kadri (WW2); Craig A. Koger (WC2); Gary R. Macmann (WS2); Steven E. Madej (WW2); Joshua A. Piccin (WD2); Edward C. Pritchard, Jr. (WW1); John E. Sokolowski (WD1); Armand E. White (WW2); David R. Wiechel (WD1); Alan J. Wrasman (WS2 & WW2).

7) Other Business

At 11:59 a.m. Beth Darnell made a motion to move into executive session. Verna Arnette seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 12:07 p.m. Beth Darnell made a motion to move out of executive session. Tracey Phelps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rick Reed brought to the attention of Council the free Class A Wastewater Training developed by Keith Kroeger, Jon Van Dommelen and others. The training is available on the Operator Certification Web site, <http://epa.ohio.gov/ddagw/opcert.aspx> under the link "Exam Info". Rick asked that the Class A Wastewater training be added as a reference for our exams. The exam reference document will be updated with the information for the class A examination. In the event Ohio EPA receives additional exam questions for other levels of exams that are referenced to this training then the reference can be added for higher levels of exams.

Class IV applications approved between the May 14, 2015 and June 18, 2015 Council meetings were: David L. Froehle, Greater Cincinnati MSD (WW); Lance E. Livesay, City of Fairborn (WS); Orin A. McMonigle, City of Lorain (WS); Robert E. Smith II, Greene County (WW).

At 12:35 p.m. Beth Darnell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terry Meister seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next Council meeting will be held Thursday, July 16, 2015 in Ohio EPA Conference Room B.

Council Approved: July 16, 2015