

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council

July 15, 2021

The Advisory Council met on Thursday, July 15, 2021. Members attending were: William Bowers; member; Mark Verbsky, member; James Gellner; member, Nathan Coey; member, Todd Hone; member, and Tom Jedlinsky; member, CarrieAnne McConnell; member. Ohio EPA staff in attendance were Andrew Barienbrock, Vanessa Consolo, Colt Bush, Kevin Swiadek and Peter Simcic. Also in attendance was Jon Jamison.

At 9:03 AM, the April Advisory Council Meeting was called to order via Microsoft Teams.

After review of the council minutes for June 17, 2021, Mark Verbsky made a motion to approve the minutes. Todd Hone seconded the motion. William Bowers abstained. Motion carried.

1) Class IV, Examinations (In review)

Water

NAME, LOCATION	MV	WB	TH	TJ	MD	NC	JG	CM
Timothy Williams, City of Lima, 1 st Submittal	**		**	**	**		**S	
John Lee, City of Newark, 2 nd Submittal	**	**	**S	**				
Brian Lierl, GC WW, 2 nd	**	**		**S	**			
Brent Smith, Clermont County, 2 nd Submittal	**	**S	**	**				

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Wastewater

NAME, LOCATION	MV	WB	TH	TJ	MD	NC	JG	CM
John Vanderbilt, MSD GC, 1 st Submittal			**		**	**		**S

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2) Class IV Actions

Water

NAME, EMPLOYER, SUBMITTAL	ACTION
Nathan Coey, City of Wooster, 1 st Submittal	Recommend Return
Juan Garza, City of Fremont, 3 rd Submittal	Recommend Pass
William Burch Jr, Sandusky, 3 rd Submittal	Recommend Pass
Matthew Hampton, Archbold, 2 nd Submittal	Recommend Pass
Daniel Bond, Ottawa County, 1 st Submittal	Recommend Return

There were no Wastewater exams in review.

Mark Verbsky made a motion to return Nathan Coey and Daniel Bond's submittals and pass Juan Garza, William Burch JR, and Matthew Hampton's submittals. Todd Hone seconded the

motion. James Gellner abstained, Nathan Coey excused himself from the meeting for this discussion; Motion carried.

3) Extensions

Zak Bedard has requested an extension on his First-Class IV submittal.

CarrieAnne McConnell made a motion to approve Zak Bedard's request for an extension and to recommend a one-year extension on his first Class IV submittal. Tom Jedlinsky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4) Reciprocity

Julie Christoffel has held a Wastewater Treatment Class II certification in the state of Indiana since 7/1/1996. Indiana's lowest wastewater certification is a Class-I-SP and the highest is a class IV. A standardized examination was taken through Indiana. Ohio has reviewed a representative copy of Indiana's exam.

Michael Boven has held a Wastewater Treatment Class A certification in the State of Michigan since 2004. Michigan's lowest wastewater certification is a Class D and the highest is a Class A. Mr. Boven passed a standardized, written examination through Michigan, but they are unwilling to share a representative copy of the exam.

Michael Boven has also held a Water Treatment Class D-1, F-3, and S-1 in the State of Michigan. The D-1 was issued in 2010, the S-1 was issued in 2008 and the F-3 in 2003. Michigan's lowest certification is a Class 5 and highest certification is a Class I. Mr. Boven passed standardized, written examinations through Michigan. Ohio has reviewed representative drinking water examinations from the state of Michigan.

Gregory Wilson holds a Wastewater Treatment Class IV in Hawaii and is also certified in Georgia and South Carolina in wastewater treatment. Mr. Wilson held a Wastewater Treatment Class IV in Ohio from 2008 to 2016. OAC Rule 3745-7-13(A)(2)(b) allows operators who held certificates within ten years prior to the application to receive the same level of certificate they held in Ohio provided they maintained a certificate in the same field in another state and met the state's continuing education requirements.

William Bowers made a motion to reject Michael Boven's Wastewater Treatment request, grant Julie Christoffel an Ohio EPA Wastewater Treatment Class I certification, grant Gregory Wilson an Ohio EPA Wastewater Treatment Class IV certification and grant Michael Boven an Ohio EPA Water Supply III Certification. CarrieAnne McConnell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5) Certifications Issued

60 Third Party Exam, Ohio EPA, Reciprocity and Operator-in-Training (OIT) applications were approved between June 17, 2021 and July 15, 2021. Certificates were issued to:

First Name	Middle	Last Name	Type	Class
Danine	M	Schultz	Water Supply	4

Marshall	J	Yarnell	Wastewater Treatment	4
Stephen	C	Canfield	Water Distribution	2
Timothy		Ford	Water Supply	1
Mark	D	Jones	Water Distribution	1
Kevin	T	Teynor	Water Distribution	2
William	C	Gallina	Water Distribution	1
Cameron		Niswander	Water Supply	1
Dustin		Makula	Water Supply	1
Joshua	L	Bentley	Water Supply	2
Robert	D	Magallon	Wastewater Treatment	2
Brad		Maglott	Water Supply	1
Jonathan	R	McKenzie	Wastewater Treatment	1
Robert		Hayden	Water Supply	1
Joshua		Kunz	Water Supply	2
James		Benschoter	Wastewater Treatment	1
Ryan	L	Cottrell	Wastewater Treatment	2
Donald		Staup	Water Distribution	1
Eric		Thompson	Water Distribution	1
Jason	E	Tubaugh	Water Supply	1
Daniel		Sirgo	Water Distribution	2
Matthew		Mayher	Wastewater Treatment	2
Kristina		Wasiniak	Water Supply	1
Ronald		Wise	Water Supply	1
Dominique		Brown	Water Supply	1
Billie	J	Burtscher	Wastewater Treatment	1
Michael		Watkins	Water Supply	2
Daniel	T	Means	Water Supply	2
Kody	M	Crabb	Water Supply	2
Ron	D	Brust	Wastewater Treatment	1
Eric	R	Maggard	Water Supply	2
Kelsey	R	Bray	Water Supply	2
Brandon	L	Stoltz	Wastewater Collection	1
Joshua	C	Perry	Wastewater Treatment	2
Tyler		Goughenour	Water Distribution	1
Jonathan	M	Kurtz	Water Supply	1
Steven		Ernst	Water Supply	A
Tracy		Stephens	Wastewater Treatment	2
Steven	W	Watkins	Water Distribution	1
David		Whittaker	Water Supply	1
Tyler		Boreman	Water Distribution	1
Joshua		Kunz	Water Supply	1
Travis	F	Menezes	Water Supply	3
Noah	J	Gilger	Wastewater Treatment	1
Keith	E	Rose	Water Supply	2
Shari	L	Kreutzfeld	Water Supply	2

Joshua		Lewis	Wastewater Treatment	1
Joey	J	Little	Wastewater Treatment	1
Alfonso		Salinas	Wastewater Treatment	2
Terry		Knueven	Water Supply	1
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John		Sency	Wastewater Treatment	1
Kelsie		Saurber	Wastewater Treatment	1
David		Jordan	Wastewater Treatment	1
Jeffrey	A	Lewis	Water Supply	1
Curtis	R	Goebeler	Wastewater Treatment	1

6) Other Business

Between the June 17, 2021 and July 15, 2021 Council meetings, one Class IV application has been approved for John Vanderbilt (WW, MSD GC).

According to Ohio EPA's records, ABC gave 244 Ohio Water and Wastewater exams in June 2021.

At 9:37 AM, Todd Hone made a motion to move into executive session to discuss the investigation of charges or complaints against licensees or regulated individuals William Bowers seconded the motion. Role was called and each member agreed to move into executive session.

At 9:55 AM, Tom Jedlinsky made a motion to move out of executive session. William Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 10:14 AM, CarrieAnne McConnell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Todd Hone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next Council meeting is scheduled to occur on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

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