

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council

August 20, 2015

The Advisory Council met on Thursday, August 20, 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; Mike Gallaway, member; Tanushree Courlas, Certification Unit; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit; Elizabeth Buening, DSW-CO; Andy Barienbrock, DDAGW-CO attended the meeting.

The Council meeting was called to order at approximately 9:09 a.m. in EPA Conference Room B.

Tom Jedlinsky made a motion to approve the amended July Council minutes. Terry Meister seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mike Gallaway abstained.

1) Class IV, Examinations (In review)

Water

NAME, LOCATION	DC	BD	VA	TJ	MG	TP	RR	TM
Anthony P. Vigorito, Meander Water 1 st submittal, 4 copies (Plant only)	**	**s	**	**				

Wastewater

NAME, LOCATION	DC	BD	VA	TJ	MG	TP	RR	TM
Andrew Catanzarite, City of Niles 3 rd + (Final submittal Plant only)					**	**s	**	**
Nathan W. Coey, City of Pataskala 2 nd submittal, 4 copies recd 10:43 a.m. 8/6/15					**	**	**	**s
Jason L. Grooms, Cincinnati MSD 2 nd submittal, 4 copies recd 2:05 p.m. 8/6/15					**s	**	**	**
Brian J. Clark, City of Sidney 1 st submittal, 4 copies recd 7/24/15					**	**s	**	**
Jeffrey L. Meinert, City of Sandusky 1 st submittal, 4 copies recd 8/12/15					**	**	**s	**

**** Denotes who currently has package. "s" Denotes who is preparing summary.
"m" Denotes mailed.**

2) Class IV Actions

WATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
James L. Borton	CH ₂ MHill	Recommend returning for additional information

WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
No wastewater exams distributed for review on 07/16/2015		

WASTEWATER

Beth Darnell made a motion to return James Borton exam for additional information. Dan Cloyd seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mike Gallaway abstained.

3) Reciprocity

Willard L. Nusser, II, has requested reciprocity with the State of Ohio. He has held a Water Class D-3 since March 14, 2014 with the State of Nevada. Water Class D1 is the lowest classification and Water Class D4 is the highest classification. The State of Nevada, Division of Environmental Protection uses ABC exams.

Richard C. Spencer has requested reciprocity with the State of Ohio. He currently holds three different certifications with the State of Wisconsin, Wastewater Grade 2, Groundwater Grade 1, and Water Distribution Grade 1. The State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources does not use ABC exams but has shared examples of their Municipal Waterworks Operator Certification Distribution and Groundwater exams and the Wastewater Operator Certification Preliminary & Primary Treatment Advanced, General Intro, Disinfection Intro, Anaerobic Digestion Intro, General Advanced, and Activated Sludge Examinations.

George D. Swanson, III has requested reciprocity with the State of Ohio. He has held a Water Distribution Grade II certification since May 1, 2008, and a Wastewater Collection Grade II certification since November 6, 2008, both with the State of Tennessee. In Tennessee, a DS II is the highest grade of water distribution certification and a CS II is the highest grade of wastewater collection certification. The State of Tennessee used their own exams in 2008 and has shared representative copies of each exam.

Mike Gallaway made a motion recommending Mr. Nusser be issued a Class 2 Water Supply certification pending proof of employment in the State of Ohio; Mr. Spencer be issued Class A Water Supply and Class 1 Wastewater Treatment certifications pending verification of experience time and proof of employment in the State of Ohio; and George D. Swanson III be issued Class 1 Water Distribution and Class 1 Wastewater Collection certifications pending verification of experience time and 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 June 18, 2015 and July 16, 2015 Council meetings were: Leon E. Bursley Jr. (WS2); Aaron G. Cooper (WD2); Christopher D. Jingle (WS1); Benjamin T. Gittus (WS1); Christian J. Homan (WD1); Nathaniel L. Inkrott (WW2); Brandon A. Jones (WW2); Greg David Kincaid (WW1); James E. Lebo (WW2); Terry A. LeMaster (WC1); Chris J. Marko (WD1); James D. McMickle (WS2); Michael D. Pantalone (WS1); Zachary P. Replogle (WD1); Josh C. Saylor (WD1); Jeffrey D. Spradlin II (WS1); Jon M. Stevens (WS1); Marc A. Szarka (WC1); John W. Turvey III (WS1); Miles A. Whittle (WS1).

7) Other Business

Council discussed the conflict of the Ohio AWWA annual meeting and Council's September meeting date. Beth Darnell made a motion to move the meeting to Tuesday, September 29, 2015. Verna Arnette seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council spent time discussing the importance of succession planning, asset management and the need for operators, especially Class 3 and 4, to mentor employees.

Council reviewed the syllabus for a Bachelor of Science major of Animal Sciences from The Ohio State University. Beth Darnell made a motion to deny water or wastewater experience time for the Bachelor of Science major of Animal Sciences. Tracey Phelps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Andy Barienbrock updated Council about the eBiz program and how it impacts the Operator Certification program. He also provided information about agency updates and Division of Drinking and Ground Waters changes.

Council clarified the need for operators writing their Class IV exam to have supervisory/management experience at the Class III or IV plant they are discussing in their written examination.

Council discussed if there was a need for Industrial Pretreatment Guidelines added to the Class IV Guidelines. No decision was made. The subject will be revisited in the future.

Class IV applications approved between the June 18, 2015 and July 16, 2015 Council meetings were: Juan Garza, (WS), City of Fremont; Aaron D. McCoy, (WS), Campbell Soup; and Jason A. Wolfarth, (WW), City of Findlay.

At 11:18, Tom Jedlinsky made a motion to move into executive session. Terry Meister seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 11:43, Mike Gallaway made a motion to move out of executive session. Tracey Phelps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 11:43 a.m. Mike Gallaway made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terry Meister seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next Council meeting will be held Tuesday, September 29, 2015 in Ohio EPA Conference Room A.

Council Approved: September 29, 2015