

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council December 19, 2013

Present for the Council meeting on Thursday, December 19, 2013, were: Richard Reed, member and chair; Verna Arnette, member; Terry Meister, member; Beth Darnell, member; Thomas Jedlinsky, member; Dan Cloyd, member; Mike Gallaway, member; Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:07 a.m. in EPA Conference Room A for a Class IV Presentation. Four operators, Lorraine Brown, Mark Ciccone, Michell Fields and Michael Jividen attended the presentation. The presentation and follow up questions ended at approximately 10:20 a.m. and attendees were given the opportunity to review successful Class IV examinations. All participants remained to review exemplary Class IV examinations.

At approximately 10:25 a.m. Richard Reed, Chair, called the regular Council meeting to order in Conference Room B.

Beth Darnell made a motion seconded by Dan Cloyd to approve the October 17, 2013 Council minutes. Motion carried. Mike Gallaway and Verna Arnette abstained.

Terry Meister made a motion to approve the November 14, 2013 Council minutes as amended. Tom Jedlinsky seconded. Tracey Phelps was contacted for the vote. Motion carried. Beth Darnell, Dan Cloyd and Mike Gallaway abstained.

Class IV, Examinations (In review)

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NAME, LOCATION	DC	BD	VA	TJ	MG	TP	RR	TM
Jeffrey A. Kephart, City of Marietta 2 nd submittal, 4 copies	**	**s	**	**				
Stephen Lamale, City of Fremont 1 st submittal, 4 copies	**s	**	**	**				
Adam J. McDowell, City of Defiance 1 st submittal, 4 copies	**	**	**	**s				

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Keith A. Heffner, Cincinnati MSD 2 nd submittal, 4 copies					**	**m	**	**s

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2) Class IV Actions

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NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
Dean Reynolds	City of Alliance	Tabled from November Return for additional information

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Steve Carathers	City of Wooster	Return for additional information
William Schesventer	City of Kent	Tabled from November Recommend passing

Mike Gallaway made a motion recommending the Class IV examination of William Schesventer be passed and the examinations of Dean Reynolds and Steve Carathers be returned for additional information. Beth Darnell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kirk Fioresi's Class IV submittal was returned without review for failing to follow the instructions in the request for additional information.

3) Extensions

On November 22, 2013, Deborah Klosz, NEORSD, submitted a letter requesting an extension to submit her Class IV. Her first submittal is due December 30, 2013. Mike Gallaway made a motion to extend Deborah Klosz's submittal date until December 30, 2014. Beth Darnell seconded the motion. Motion carried. Terry Meister abstained.

4) Operator-in-Training

Operator-in-Training (OIT) applications approved between the November 14 and December 19, 2013 Council meetings were: Daryl Apple, Patrick Arter, Patti Barlitt, Nelson Bear, Nicholas Biller, Darrel Blanchard, Joe Bucks, Samuel Bundren, Tanner Bussey, Patrick Cassinelle, Timothy Crago, William Deter, Jason Dingey, Alexander Earley (WW1 & WW2), Chad Frank, Brian Gottfried, Glen Hacker, Todd A. Haggard, Jr., Matthew Hanusosky, Kirk Hemphill, Richard Hess, Michael Huling, David Johnson, Emily Kerber, Curtis Kuethe, Ting Lu, Randy Mahlman, Lawrence Marks, Marc Milliron, Samuel Mullins, Brian Myers, Harold Owens, Daniel Patchin, Aaron Pascute, Catherine Perciado, Kathleen Peyton, Erich Ross, Raymond Schneider, Adam Snowden, John Sukosd, Thomas Tack, Matt Thomas, Deborah Tullis, Scott Van Barg, Bobbie Vance, Joe Welker, Curtis Wells, Michael Young.

5) Reciprocity

Read R. Hoddinott has applied for reciprocity from the State of Kentucky. He has held a Wastewater Class II certification since October 18, 2013. Council reviewed Kentucky's examinations in July 2012 and determined their Wastewater II examination is equivalent to Ohio's Wastewater 1 examination.

Terry Meister made a motion to award Mr. Hoddinott a Class 1 Wastewater Treatment certification pending proof of employment in the State of Ohio. Dan Cloyd seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6) Exam Questions

An examinee requested that three questions on the November 2013 Class 3 Wastewater be reviewed by the Council. After a thorough review and discussion of the questions and alternative answers suggested by the challenger, Council determined the questions were valid questions and the alternative answers provided by the challenger were inappropriate.

7) Other Business

Mark Smith met with council from 10:50 to 11:55 a.m. Mr. Smith had requested a meeting with Council to discuss the recent failure of his Class IV examination.

9) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Dan Cloyd made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 12:50 p.m. Tom Jedlinsky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next Council meeting will be held Thursday, January 23, 2014 in Ohio EPA Conference Room B.

Council Approved: February 27, 2014