

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council

June 27, 2013

Present for the meeting on Thursday, June 27, 2013, were: Vui Chung, member and chair; Richard Reed, member and co-chair; Dan Cloyd, member; Terry Meister, member; Debora Roth, (temporary replacement for member, Mike Gallaway); Verna Arnette, member; Mike Gallaway, member; Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:15 a.m. in EPA Conference Room A for a Class IV Presentation. Eight operators, Alexander Berki, George Haggerty, Ryan Hill, Jeffery Meinert, Eric Myers, Jim Reicker, Ryan Watts and Michael Wigal attended the presentation. The presentation and follow up questions ended at approximately 10:10 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 10:28 a.m. Vui Chung, Chair, called the regular Council meeting to order.

Richard Reed made a motion, seconded by Debora Roth recommending the April 18, 2013 minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried. Vui Chung and Mike Gallaway abstained.

1) Class IV, Examinations (In review)

WATER

NAME, LOCATION	DC	BD	VA	VC	MG	TP	RR	TM
Andrew S. Belcher, City of Middletown 3 rd (final) submittal, 4 copies		**	** s		**		**	
William R. Burch, City of Sandusky 1 st submittal, 4 copies	**	** s	**			**		
Thomas McVicker, City of Byesville 3 rd (final) submittal, 4 copies	** s	**	**					**

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

WASTEWATER

NAME, LOCATION	DC	BD	VA	VC	MG	TP	RR	TM
No Class IV examinations								

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2) Class IV Actions

WATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
Adam McDowell	City of Defiance	Recommend Failure
Tim Newland	City of Bellefontaine	Recommend Failure
Joseph Tovarnak	City of Campbell	Recommend Failure

WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
Kirk Fioresi	Cincinnati MSD	Recommend Tabling until previous sections submitted

Beth Darnell participated in Class IV action discussions via conference call. Mike Gallaway made a motion, seconded by Beth Darnell recommending failing the examinations of Adam McDowell, Tim Newland and Joseph Tovarnak and tabling action on Kirk Fioresi until his submittal is complete and Council members have had the opportunity to review the submittal. Motion carried. Verna Arnette and Debra Roth abstained.

3) OITs

NAME	EXAM	LOCATION	ACTION
Anderson, Brian S.	WS 1	Village of Waverly	Recommend Approval
Badza, Nicholas J.	WD 2	City of Cleveland	Recommend Approval
Baker, James K.	WW A	Hawken Schools	Recommend Approval
Battershell, Michael R.	WC 2	City of Alliance	Recommend Approval
Brooks, Brant P.	WD 1	Village of Carey	Recommend Approval
Brown, Johnny M.	WS 1	Maplewood Local Schools	Recommend Approval
Burkholder, Jr., Mark A.	WS 2	Ottawa Co. Sanitary Engr.	Recommend Approval
Burrier, Brent D.	WS 2	City of Canton	Recommend Approval
Campbell, Kerry D.	WW A	Simon Kenton Council BSA	Recommend Approval
Clayman, Mark R.	WS 1	City of Huron	Recommend Approval
Cole, Ralph H.	WD 1	City of Lima	Recommend Approval
Cornell, Richard W.	WW 1	City of East Liverpool	Recommend Approval
Deshpande, Niranjana V.	WS 2	Greater Cincinnati Water Works	Recommend Approval
Doll, Jordan R.	WD1	Village of Obetz	Recommend Approval
Dowdle, James M.	WS 1	Village of Cadiz	Recommend Approval
Dupler, Brian L	WC 1	City of Nelsonville	Recommend Approval
Eagle, Donald E.	WS 1	City of Columbus	Recommend Approval
Fazio, Salvatore M.	WD 2	City of Cleveland	Recommend Approval

Green, Michael R.	WS 2	London Correctional	Recommend Approval
Groom, Thomas J.	WD 1	City of Alliance	Recommend Approval
Hahn, Travis L.	WS 1	Village of West Lafayette	Recommend Approval
Hardin, Melvin J.	WW 2	Village of Centerburg	Recommend Approval
Hill, Sawyer A.	WS 1	SW Licking Community Water & Sewer District	Recommend Approval
Horner, Matt S.	WC 1	NEORS	Recommend Approval
Horvath, William P.	WC 1	Allen Co. Sanitary Engineers	Recommend Approval
Lewis, Earl K.	WS 1	Warren Community Water & Sewer	Recommend Approval
Marchand, Goeffrey T.	WS1	City of Canal Fulton	Recommend Approval
McMickle, James D.	WS 1	Cleveland Water Dept.	Recommend Approval
Miley, C. Daniel	WW 2	City of Galion	Pending receipt of original signatures
Miller, James N.	WS A	Cannon Mennonite Church	Recommend Approval
Plaatje, George	WW A	Lake Metroparks	Recommend Approval
Palsgrove, Bryce S.	WW 1	City of Canal Winchester	Recommend Approval
Randles, William T.	WW 2	City of Columbus	Recommend Approval
Rehart II, Jerry R.	WW 1	Rehart Water & Waste	Recommend Approval
Rice, Brian E.	WC 1	City of Columbus	Recommend Approval
Rose, Alan D.	WW 1	Scioto County	Recommend Approval
Saums, Todd E.	WD 2	Northwest Water & Sewer	Recommend Approval
Scott, David M.	WC 2	Village of DeGraff	Recommend Approval
Scoville, Michael T.	WD 1	City of Girard	Recommend Approval
Seward, Jeffrey C.	WS 2	Village of Navarre	Recommend Approval
Shaffer, Blair L.	WW 2	Village of Rockford	Recommend Approval
Sour, Reed S.	WW 2	Veolia Water	Recommend Approval
Smith, Kenneth S.	WW 1	City of Cambridge	Recommend Approval
Smith, Kimberly M.	WS 1	Cleveland Water Dept.	Pending receipt of original signatures
Spencer, Thad W.	WS 1	Earnhart Hill Regional Water and Sewer	Recommend Approval
Spyridakis, Emmanuel A.	WW 2	City of Bedford Heights	Recommend Approval
Taylor, Michael V.	WW 2	Western Regional Services	Recommend Approval
Viers, David A.	WD 1	City of Springfield	Recommend Approval
Walton, Robert C.	WD 1	City of Newark	Recommend Approval
Walunis, Daniel	WD 2	Cleveland Water Dept.	Recommend Approval

Wells, Justin R.	WS 1	Clow Water Systems	Recommend Approval
Wisselgren, Zachary Jacob	WW 2	Village of Navarre	Recommend Approval

Mike Gallaway made a motion, seconded by Richard Reed, recommending the certifications of Daniel C. Miley and Kimberly M. Smith be approved upon receipt of original signatures and recommending the remaining operators be recommended for approval with the exception of Matt S. Horner. Motion carried. Verna Arnette abstained.

Richard Reed made a motion, seconded by Dan Cloyd, recommending the certification of Matt S. Horner be approved. Motion carried. Terry Meister abstained.

5) Reciprocity

Richard E. Smith has held a Water Distribution II certification (DS II is the highest) in the State of Tennessee since November 6, 2008. Richard E. Smith has held a Water Class III certification (WTIV is the highest) in the State of Tennessee since November 3, 2011. He is requesting reciprocity with the State of Ohio. The state of Tennessee has shared representative copies of both exams. After a review of the WT3 exam, Council determined it to be comparable to Ohio's Water Supply 2 examination.

Jermaine Bolton has held a Water Distribution Class IV certification since April 19, 2013 in the State of Kentucky. He requests reciprocity with the State of Ohio. Council tabled a decision on this request until more information is received.

John A. Geletka has held a Water Class A, E certification in the State of Pennsylvania since September 16, 1980. He requests reciprocity with the State Ohio. Pennsylvania does not give ABC exams and no longer maintains a representative copy of the examination taken in 1980. Based on these facts and provisions in OAC Rule 3745-7-13, Ohio cannot grant reciprocity.

Michael J. Ulan has held a Wastewater Treatment Class C and Waterworks Class C certification since January 2008 in the State of Oklahoma. He requests reciprocity with the State of Ohio. Oklahoma does not give ABC exams and will not share their exams. Their exams are given after required training. Based on these facts and provisions in OAC Rule 3745-7-13, Ohio cannot grant reciprocity.

Mike Gallaway made a motion, seconded by Terry Meister recommending reciprocity for a Water Supply 2 Certification for Mr. Smith, denying the request for Mr. Geletka and Mr. Ulan, and tabling the decision on Mr. Bolton's reciprocity request until additional information is received. Motion carried. Verna Arnette abstained

6) Extension

Don Dyar, City of Newark, requested an extension to submit his Water Supply Class IV examination. His 1st submittal was due May 30, 2013.

Alonzo Waitman, City of Dayton, requested a six month extension to complete his second submittal which is due June 30, 2013.

On June 16, 2013, Michael D. Bush, City of Dayton, requested an extension to submit his Wastewater Treatment Class IV examination due to work load schedule and family commitments. His examination was originally due on July 31, 2012. In May, 2012 Mr. Bush requested an extension and was granted a one year extension until July 31, 2013.

Terry Meister made a motion seconded by Dan Cloyd granting Don Dyar a one year extension until May 30, 2014, granting Alonzo Waitman a six month extension until December 30, 2013, and denying Michael Bush's second request for an extension. Motion carried

7) Other Business

Council met with Matthew Hampton to discuss his Class IV examination resubmittal. Mr. Hampton remained after the meeting to review exemplary Class IV examinations.

Class IV applications for Aaron D. McCoy (Water Supply) Jeffrey S. Blair and Michael McGlothlin (Wastewater Treatment) were approved between the May 16, 2013 and June 27, 2013 Council meetings.

Vui Chung was asked to participate in one more meeting while her replacement is being secured. Ms. Chung graciously agreed and will attend the July, 2013 meeting.

The Council reviewed courses and syllabi submitted by Rick Duncan regarding process control and troubleshooting. The Council was concerned with the short length of the courses, but was encouraged by the outline of the information that will be provided subsequent to Mr. Duncan completing the course. Therefore, based on the information provided the Council approved Mr. Duncan's plan to address the deficiencies in his Class IV examination. The approval was given with the caveat that additional course work may be necessary in order to obtain the level of knowledge necessary to complete the items in Mr. Duncan's outline.

8) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mike Gallaway made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 2:38 p.m. Richard Reed seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. Thursday July 18, 2013 in Ohio EPA Conference room B (6th floor).

Council Approved: August 15, 2013