

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council

September 26, 2013

Present for the Council meeting on Thursday, August 15, 2013, were: Richard Reed, member and chair; Beth Darnell, member; Dan Cloyd, member; Terry Meister, member; Verna Arnette, member; Mike Gallaway, member; Thomas Jedlinsky, member; Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:20 a.m. in EPA Conference Room A for a Class IV Presentation. Five operators, Jeffrey Blair, Russell Boes, Frank McKeon, Danine Schultz and Mark Smith 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.

Thomas E. Jedlinski, P.E. with CDM Smith, Inc., was introduced as the second engineer on Council replacing Vui Chung.

Beth Darnell made a motion seconded by Terry Meister to approve the August, 2013 minutes. Motion carried. Thomas Jedlinski abstained.

Class IV, Examinations (In review)

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NAME, LOCATION	DC	BD	VA	TJ	MG	TP	RR	TM
Vigorito, Anthony, Mahoning Valley 1 st submittal, 4 copies	**	** s	** mailed	**				
Alonzo Waitman, City of Dayton 2 nd submittal, 4 copies	**	**	** s mailed	**				
Dean A. Reynolds, City of Alliance 2 nd submittal, 4 copies	** s	**	** mailed	**				
Christopher Clark, Logan County Clarification for 1 question e-mailed 9/30/13	** e-mail	** e-mail	** e-mail				** e-mail	

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M Denotes mailed.

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NAME, LOCATION	DC	BD	VA	VC	MG	TP	RR	TM
Elizabeth Moore, City of Miamisburg 2 nd submittal, 4 copies					** s	** mailed	**	**
Michael McGlothlin, Lake Co. Utilities 1 st submittal, 4 copies					**	** mailed	**	** s
Alexander Berki, City of Lorain 1 st submittal, 4 copies					**	** s mailed	**	**
Terry E. Robinson, NEORS 3 rd (final), 4 copies		**			**	** mailed	** s	

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2) Class IV Actions

WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
Keith Bledsoe	Lucas County	Recommend passing
Richard Duncan	City of Portsmouth	Recommend passing

Mike Gallaway made a motion recommending the Class IV examinations of Keith Bledsoe and Richard Duncan be passed. Terry Meister seconded the motion. Motion carried. Thomas Jedlinsky abstained.

3) OITs

NAME	EXAM	LOCATION	ACTION
Alexander, Laura A.	WW 1	Industrial Fluid Management	Recommend approval
Ashley, Nicholas J.	WS 1	City of Cleveland	Recommend approval
Bruggeman, Brent W.	WW 1	City of Sidney	Recommend approval
Bursley, Jeremy C.	WS 2	Sandusky Water Dept.	Recommend approval
Carney, Brian M.	WW 1	City of Youngstown	Recommend approval
Delgado, Eric M.	WD 1	City of Van Wert	Recommend approval
Dixon Jr., Douglas N.	WW 2	City of Columbus	After 09/27/2013
Eberhart, Ryan J.	WS 1	Honda Mfg., Russells Point	Recommend approval
Foelling, Anne K.	WW 2	City of Lancaster	Recommend approval
Funk, Chad M.	WS 1	Village of Delta	Recommend approval
Hancock, Ryan C.	WS 2	RLM/Scioto Water	Recommend approval
Hanson, Christopher L.	WS 2	Adams Co. Regional Water	Recommend approval
Jaskulski, Wendy	WS 1	Village of Marblehead	Recommend approval
Johnson, Ronald S.	WC 2	City of Piqua	Recommend approval
Jones, Tyro L.D.	WS 1	City of Canton	Recommend approval
Knighton, Kenrick S.	WW 2	City of Newark	Recommend approval
Lowery, Alonzo A.	WS 1	Lebanon Correctional	Recommend approval
Miller, Jens A.	WW 2	Cincinnati MSD	Recommend approval
Rinehart, Cheyenne B.	WD 1	City of Chillicothe	Recommend approval
Searls, Michal J.	WW 2	City of Marion	Recommend approval
Sprague, Kyle D.	WS 1	City of Pataskala	After 8/18/13 & explanation
Strauch, Nathaniel E.	WS 1	City of Newark	Recommend approval
Stewart, Kurt	WW 2	City of Dover	Recommend approval

Vanderbilt, John	WW 2	Clermont Co Water	Recommend approval
Weaver, Matthew J.	WS 2	Village of Millersburg	Recommend approval
Weybrecht, Nick	WD 1	Aqua Ohio	Recommend approval
Yakhnitskiy, Aleksandr	WW 2	Quasar Energy Group	Recommend approval

Mike Gallaway made a motion, seconded by Dan Cloyd, recommending the certification of Nicholas Ashley and Nick Weybrecht be approved. Motion carried. Beth Darnell and Verna Arnette abstained.

Mike Gallaway made a motion, seconded by Dan Cloyd recommending the certification of Douglas N. Dixon, Jr. be approved after 9/27/2013, and recommending the remaining operators, with the exception of Nicholas Ashley and Nick Weybrecht be recommended for approval. Motion carried.

5) Reciprocity

Thomas K. Lewis has held a Wastewater Class B certification since November, 2008 in the State of Indiana. He requests reciprocity with the State of Ohio. The State of Indiana has not made a representative copy of the exam available for our review.

Harold T. Owens has held a Wastewater Class B - II with the State of Maine since May 2013. A written examination is required to become certified and the State of Maine has made a representative copy of the exam available for our review.

Mike Gallaway made a motion, recommending Mr. Lewis' request be denied since the State of Indiana would not share a representative copy of the exam; and recommending Mr. Owens be granted a Class A Wastewater Treatment certification upon employment in Ohio. The motion was seconded by Beth Darnell. Motion carried. Rick Reed and Verna Arnett were absent.

6) Extension

Robert D. Johnson, Medina County Sanitary Engineers, requested an extension to submit his Class IV examination. His first submittal is due October 31, 2013.

Thomas Jedlinsky made a motion seconded by Mike Gallaway granting Mr. Johnson a one year extension until October 31, 2014. Motion carried. Rick Reed and Verna Arnett were absent.

7) Course Approval

Mike Gallaway made a motion, seconded by Beth Darnell, to deny course approval for any course dealing specifically with "Exam Review". Motion carried. Rick Reed and Verna Arnett were absent.

8) Other Business

At 10:35 a.m. Council met with William R. Burch. Mr. Burch's need to gain more experience in administration and budgeting was addressed, Council answered his questions and his options were discussed.

A discussion was held regarding operator in training documentation approval. In order to provide more expeditious processing, Ohio EPA staff will begin processing applications just like renewal and exam applications as they come in. Applications will no longer be held and brought to the Council for a vote unless questions on experience arise. A list of OIT forms approved will be provided in a similar format to the Class IV applications noted below.

Class IV applications for Michael Welke (Wastewater Treatment), Joseph Tovarnak and Michell Fields (Water Supply) were approved between the August 15, 2013 and September 26, 2013 Council meetings.

From 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. As part of the review of the Associations of Boards of Certification (ABC) application to become an examination provider, the Council participated in a teleconference with ABC and reviewed examinations in their test bank. The review was designed to evaluate ABC's examinations and determine equivalency with Ohio EPAs examinations. After conducting two webinars the Council was able to determine equivalency with Ohio's examinations. Mike Gallaway made a motion, seconded by Beth Darnell, recommending ABC and Ohio EPA exam equivalency as follows:

ABC Examination		=	Ohio Examination	
Water Distribution	3	=	Water Distribution	2
Water Distribution	1	=	Water Distribution	1
Water Supply	4	=	Water Supply	3
Water Supply	3	=	Water Supply	2
Water Supply	1	=	Water Supply	1
Very Small Water System	VSWS	=	Water Supply	A
Wastewater Collection	4	=	Wastewater Collection	2
Wastewater Collection	2	=	Wastewater Collection	1
Wastewater Treatment	4	=	Wastewater Treatment	3
Wastewater Treatment	3	=	Wastewater Treatment	2
Wastewater Treatment	2	=	Wastewater Treatment	1
Very Small WW Treatment		=	Wastewater Treatment	A

Motion carried. Rick Reed and Verna Arnett were absent for this vote.

9) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Tom Jedlinsky made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 3:00 p.m. Beth Darnell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. Thursday October 17, 2013 in Ohio EPA Conference room B (6th floor).

Council Approved: October 17, 2013