

# Minutes of the Advisory Board of Examiners for Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification June 9, 2005

Present for the meeting on June 19th were: Deborah Metz chair; Richard Lorenz, member; Kirk Leifheit, member; Vui Chung, member; Dail Hollopeter, member; Robert Brown, member; Chris Bowman, OEPA; David Bornino, OEPA; Andrew Barienbrock and Dan Kenny, Certification Unit.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:40 a.m. Richard Lorenz made a motion, seconded by Kirk Leifheit, to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2005 meeting. Motion carried, Vui Chung abstained.

**1) Class IV, Applications**

No new Class IV applications were reviewed.

**2) Class IV, Examination Actions**

**WASTEWATER**

| NAME       | EMPLOYER         | TYPE       | ACTION   |
|------------|------------------|------------|--|
| Doug Clark | City of Van Wert | Wastewater | Met with the Board and will resubmit several sections. |

**3) Class IV, Examination (in review)**

**WATER**

| NAME, LOCATION  | KL | CC | VC | RL | DH | DM | BB |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Terry Huber, City of Lima (1 copy) (resubmittal)                          | X  |    | ** | X  |    | X  |    |
| Martin Kielbasa, Mahoning Valley Sanitary District (1 copy) (resubmittal) | ** |    |    |    |    |    |    |

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|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Darrel S. Hollon, City of Greenville WWTP   |           | **        | **        |           | **        |           | **        |
| Corey Timko, Black River WWTP (Resubmittal) |           | **        | **        |           | **        |           | **        |

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**4) OIT's - Actions**

| <b>NAME</b>        | <b>EXAM TYPE</b> | <b>ACTION</b>                |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| James Cave         | WW I             | Needs additional information |
| Gregory S. Danver  | WW III           | Recommended approval         |
| Steven W. Doremus  | WD I             | Recommended approval         |
| Michael D. Judson  | WW I             | Recommended approval         |
| Tim J. Wehrkamp    | WS II            | Recommended approval         |
| Michael W. Zeigler | WC II            | Recommended approval         |

Robert Brown made a motion, seconded by Vui Chung, recommending that James Cave's OIT documentation be returned for more information and recommending the issuance of certificates to the remainder of the operators above. Motion carried.

**5) Reciprocity**

Richard Lorenz made a motion, seconded by Dail Hollopeter to grant reciprocity to Justin M Krebbs as a Water Supply II operator, upon documentation of employment in Ohio and payment of exam fee, who holds an Indiana WT-5 license, based on the fact that Indiana uses the ABC exam and ABC's exam has been deemed equivalent to the Ohio Water Supply Class II. Motion carried.

**6) Other Business**

The Board reviewed Greg Copeland's request for more time to submit his Wastewater IV examination. Kirk Leifheit made a motion, seconded by Richard Lorenz, recommending that a one year extension be granted. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the exam statistics for the May exams. Questions with passing rates of less than 40% and greater than 90% were reviewed.

Adjustments were made as necessary (rewording, moving to different exam, throwing out questions, etc.)

The Board discussed ABC's security questions. After reviewing the questions it appears that there are two major references for water and wastewater. Board members will review questions from "*Emergency Preparedness, U.S.A., FEMA*" and "*Protecting your Community's Assets: A Guide for Small Wastewater Systems*, NETCSC, November 2002" for wastewater and "*Emergency Preparedness, U.S.A., FEMA*" and "*Response Protocol Toolbox: Planning for and Responding to Drinking Water Contamination Threats and Incidents, Module 1: Water Utility Planning Guide*, USEPA, Interim Final – December 2003" for water. Questions from these references will be selected for inclusion in the exam question databases and use in the Spring 2006 exams.

Board members will review the draft collection system "Need to Know Criteria" that was submitted by Pat Antonelli.

#### **7) Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:35 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2005. Vui Chung motioned, Robert Brown seconded. Motion carried.

**Board Approved: July 21, 2005**