

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council April 16, 2009

Present for the meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2009 were: Chris Clark, member and chair; Richard Lorenz, member; Kirk Leifheit, member; Richard Reed, member; Terry Meister, member; Beth Darnell, member; Jim Simpson, member; Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit; and Dave Bornino, Certification Unit.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. Terry Meister made a motion seconded by Richard Reed that the minutes of the March 16, 2009 meeting be approved as amended. Motion carried.

1) Class IV, Examinations (In review)

WATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	BD	RL	VC	JS	CC	RR	TM
Alonzo M. Waitman, City of Dayton 2nd submittal, 4 copies	**	**S	**	**				

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

2) Class IV Actions

WATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Michael E. Dreger	City of Alliance	WS	Recommend approval
James J. Miller	City of Lorain	WS	Return

WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Russell C. Bales	City of Lima	WW	Return for additional information
Josh Goodridge	St. Clairsville	WW	Return
Nicholas Jordan	City of Struthers	WW	Return
John E. Motycka	Allen County	WW	Return for additional information
Brian T. Schultz	City of Sidney	WW	Recommend approval

Kirk Leifheit made a motion seconded by Terry Meister that the examinations from Russell Bales and John Motycka be returned for additional information, that the examinations from James Miller, Josh Goodridge and Nicholas Jordan be returned to be re-written and that Brian Schultz be issued his Wastewater Treatment Class IV certification and Michael Dreger be issued his Water Supply Class IV certification. Motion carried. Chris Clark abstained from voting.

3) OITs

NAME	EXAM TYPE	ACTION
Tim L. Armbruster	WW A	Recommend approval
Samuel Bundren	WS III	Recommend approval
Shawn L. Hefner	WS II	Recommend approval
Shawn L. Hefner	WW II	Recommend approval
James R. Jarvin	WW II	Recommend approval
Joseph A. Montgomery	WW A	Recommend approval
Eric Nelson	WS I	Recommend approval
Bruce W. Reye	WW II	Recommend approval
William E. Russell	WD I	Recommend approval
Anthony N. Sainato	WS I	Recommend approval
Ray W. Seeman	WS A	Pending original signatures
Cathy M. Sooner	WS A	Recommend approval

Richard Reed made a motion that Tim Armbruster, Samuel Bundren, Shawn L Hefner, James R. Jarvis, Joseph A. Montgomery, Eric Nelson, Bruce W. Reye, William Russell, Anthony N. Sainato and Cathy M. Sonner be issued their certifications, and that Ray W. Seeman be issued his certification pending the receipt of original signatures. Motion seconded by Beth Darnell. Motion carried.

4) Extensions

Jim Simpson made a motion, seconded by Kirk Leifheit that Robert D. Johnson (WW), Medina Co. Sanitary Engineers and Shawn McCormick (WS), City of Campbell each be granted an extension until June 1, 2010 to submit their Class IV examinations. Motion carried.

5) Reciprocity

Jack N. Walter holds a WS A, E certification from Pennsylvania. The state of Pennsylvania certified Mr. Walter under previous regulations allowing professional engineers to be granted a certification without sitting for an examination. Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3745-7-13 (B) states, “. . . Certification by reciprocity shall not be considered if a representative copy of the examination passed by the applicant cannot be obtained, unless the director has entered into a reciprocity agreement with the state in question.”

Andrew P. McClure holds a Water F-1 certification from Michigan. The state of Michigan provided the examination given Mr. McClure when he became certified. The Council

determined that the examination provided is equivalent to Ohio's Water Supply III examination.

Richard Lorenz made a motion seconded by Beth Darnell that Mr. Walter's reciprocity request be rejected and that Andrew P. McClure be issued a Water Supply Class III Certification upon proof of Ohio employment and with the payment of \$85.00. Motion carried.

6) Other Business

The Advisory Council had invited William W. Young, City of Springfield, to meet with them to clarify several items from his Class IV exam documentation. After the meeting ended Richard Reed made a motion seconded by Terry Meister recommending Mr. Young be issued his Class IV Wastewater Treatment certification. Motion carried.

At 12:50 p.m. Kirk Leifheit made a motion seconded by Beth Darnell that the Council move into Executive Session to discuss enforcement issues. Motion carried. At 1:02 p.m. Kirk Leifheit made a motion seconded by Jim Simpson that the Council move out of Executive Session and return to regular business. Motion Carried.

7) Strategic Planning

The Council discussed strategic planning issues.

The Council discussed a revised preamble to the generic letter mailed to operators being accepted to take the Class IV examinations and Wastewater Need to Know Criteria.

The Council agreed to move the June meeting from June 25 to June 18, 2009. The meeting will be held in the ITS Conference room C on floor 5A.

Kirk Leifheit's term on the Council will be ending in June. A new Agency drinking water member will be introduced at the June Council meeting.

8) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Kirk Leifheit made a motion seconded by Beth Darnell, that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 3:55 p.m. on Thursday April 16, 2009. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, May 21, 2009 in Ohio EPA Conference room B (6th floor).

Council Approved: May 21, 2009