

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council August 16, 2007

Present for the meeting on Thursday, August 16, 2007 were: Chris Clark, member and chair; Robert Brown, member; Richard Lorenz, member; Beth Darnell, member; Richard Reed, member; Kirk Leifheit, member; Dave Bornino, Certification Unit, Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit; Jessica Dingman, Certification Unit. Jim Simpson, member, arrived at 8:40 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:33 a.m. Robert Brown made a motion seconded by Richard Reed that the minutes of the July 19, 2007 meeting be approved. Motion carried. Jim Simpson was not present for the vote.

1) Class IV, Examinations (In Review)

WATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	BD	RL	VC	JS	CC	RR	RB
Peter Lamantia, City of Steubenville (resubmittal)	**	**	**	** (mailed)				
Kurt Reszegi, City of Cleveland (resubmittal)	**	**	**	** (mailed)				

WASTEWATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	BD	RL	VC	JS	CC	RR	RB
David Brandon, Medina (resubmittal)	**				**	**		**
Lawrence Cinadr, NEORSD (resubmittal – 1 copy)						**		
Terry Korzan, City of Elyria (resubmittal)	**				**	**		**
Michael LaCivita, City of Ravenna					**	**	**	**
Hobart Wells, Village of Grafton (resubmittal)	** (mailed)				** (mailed)	** (mailed)		**
John Clark, Portage Co. (resubmittal)					**	**	**	**

**** Denotes who currently has package x Denotes who has reviewed package**

2) Class IV Actions

WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Robert J. Shelby	Lake County	WW	Return for additional information
Douglas Hastings	City of Alliance	WW	Return for additional information
Gregory P. Wilson	City of Jackson	WW	Return for additional information

Robert Brown made a motion seconded by Richard Reed that the examinations from Robert Shelby, Douglas Hastings, and Gregory Wilson be returned for additional information. Motion carried.

3) OITs

NAME	EXAM TYPE	ACTION
Marianne Bohn	WS I	Recommended for approval
Chad Curry	WW II	Recommended for approval
Brian Dawson	WC I	Recommended for approval
Scott Devault	WS III	Recommended for approval
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Damon L. Drake	WS II	Recommended for approval
Michael Hoeflich	WW II	Recommended for approval
Myron Johnson	WS III	Recommended for approval
Jessee Kimball	WS I	Recommended for approval
Mark Parsons	WD II	Recommended for approval
Thomas Sanderson	WW III	Recommended for approval
Kenneth Shearwood	WW III	Recommended for approval
Kevin L. Spears	WS I	Recommended for approval
Crain S. Spring	WS I	Recommended for approval
Jason Tucker	WW I	Recommended for approval
Brett Woeste	WD I	Recommended for approval

Kirk Leifheit made a motion, seconded by Richard Lorenz, recommending that all of the above be issued certificates. Motion carried.

4) Reciprocity

The Council discussed reciprocity applications from Shawn C. Maksim, State of Florida Class C certificate (Water), Thomas E. Barton (Wastewater) and David J. Merleno (Wastewater), State of Pennsylvania Class A, E and B, E respectively. The State of Florida was unwilling to share a representative examination. The State of Pennsylvania uses the Association of Boards of Certification (ABC) bank of questions for its examinations with ABC's Class IV bank used for the Class A exam and ABC's Class III bank used for the Class B exam. Robert Brown made a motion, seconded by Beth Darnell, recommending Shawn Maksim's request be denied, Thomas Barton be issued a Class II Wastewater Treatment certification, and David Merleno be issued a Class I Wastewater Treatment certification. Motion carried.

5) Extension Requests

Kirk Leifheit made a motion, seconded by Beth Darnell that Kim Riddell, City of Delphos, be granted a one year extension to submit her Wastewater Treatment Class IV examination and Tim Stephens, City of Cleveland, be granted 90 days to complete his Water Treatment Class IV examination. Motion carried

6) Other Business

The Council met with Craig Pierce regarding his Class IV submittal and discussed the level of detail necessary to complete the examination and asked for clarification regarding the information he provided on chlorination and dechlorination.

The Council discussed course credit in lieu of experience time for operator certification. Ohio EPA will seek input from training providers regarding what standard should be use for granting experience credit.

Andrew Barienbrock indicated he would inform the Operator Training Committee of Ohio (OTCO) about the Council's discussions.

The Council completed work on preparing clarifications of the Class IV Guidance Document. Although changes to the Class IV examination process are being developed, the Council determined that updates to the Guidance should be made in the interim. The clarified version of the Guidance Document will be forwarded to Legal for review.

The Council discussed courses OTCO would like to submit for contact hours titled "History of OTCO" and "Train the Trainer". The courses are given to instructors who will be teaching the OTCO courses. After reviewing the presentations the Council felt that the courses would not be recommended for approval if they were submitted. Andy indicated that he would inform OTCO.

Class IV wastewater applications were approved by the Agency for Bharati A. Torgalkar and James Pace between the July and August 2007 Council meetings.

7) 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 3:45 p.m. on Thursday August 26, 2007. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, September 13, 2007 in the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters on the 7th Floor.

Council Approved: September 13, 2007