

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council December 18, 2008

Present for the meeting on Thursday, December 18, 2008 were: Chris Clark, member and chair; Kirk Leifheit, member; Richard Reed, member; Richard Lorenz, member; Terry Meister, member; Beth Darnell, member; Vui Chung, member; Jim Simpson, member; Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit; Dave Bornino, Certification Unit.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:33 a.m. Richard Reed made a motion seconded by Kirk Leifheit that the minutes of the November 13, 2008 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

1) Class IV, Examinations (In review)

WATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	BD	RL	VC	JS	CC	RR	TM
Tim S. Miller, City of Toronto Original submittal, 4 copies	**	**	** S	**				

WASTEWATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	BD	RL	VC	JS	CC	RR	TM
Bryan D. Curry, City of Newark 3rd submittal, 4 copies					**	** S	**	**
Daniel Leavitt, City of London Original submittal, 4 copies					**	**	**	** S
Tracy A. McPheron, City of Lima 2 nd submittal, 4 copies				**	**	**	** S	

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

2) Class IV Actions

WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Alonzo M. Waitman	City of Dayton	WS	Return for additional information
Mark J. Livengood	Montgomery Co	WW	Return for additional information
Lance H. Willard	City of Columbiana	WW	Recommend for approval

Beth Darnell made a motion seconded by Richard Lorenz that the examination from Lance H. Willard be approved and that the examinations from Alonzo Waitman and Mark Livengood returned for additional information. Motion carried.

3) OITs

NAME	EXAM TYPE	ACTION
Thomas A. Brickley	WD II	Recommend approval
Rebecca Caskey	WS II	Recommend approval
Craig Jalovec	WW II	Recommend approval
Matthew Ebic	WS I	Recommend approval
Jamie Flores	WS I	Recommend approval
Chad Hall	WW III	Pending original signatures
Samuel W. Jacob	WS II	Recommend approval
Dennis Madden	WW I	Recommend approval
Charles Mencke	WW I	Recommend approval
Jeffrey Nuhn	WD II	Recommend approval
Charles Ogle	WS I	Pending original signatures
Matthew Shoup	WS I	Recommend approval
Thomas Taylor	WS I	Recommend approval
Chad Tucker	WD I	Recommend approval

Terry Meister made a motion, seconded by Vui Chung, recommending that all the above be issued certificates and that Chad Hall and Charles Ogle be issued their certificates upon receipt of documentation with original signatures. Motion carried.

4) Extensions

Vui Chung made a motion, seconded by Jim Simpson that Russell C. Bales of Lima and Ron Klima of Piqua each be granted a six month extension to submit their Class IV examinations and that Thomas Marshall be granted a one year extension to submit his Class IV examination. Motion carried.

5) Reciprocity

Joseph M. Holtgrewe's requests for reciprocity were discussed. Mr. Holtgrewe is certified in Tennessee and Indiana uses questions from the Association of Boards of Certification (ABC). Mr. Holtgrewe's Tennessee certification was issued through reciprocity with the State of Indiana. Mr. Holtgrewe holds a Class III Water Certificate and a Class II Wastewater Certificate in Indiana. Indiana was unwilling to share either exam.

Indiana's water supply certification program currently uses questions from the Association of Boards of Certification (ABC) class III databank. The Council is familiar with this database and had determined it to be equivalent to Ohio's Class I exam. The Indiana

wastewater certification program indicated they do not use the ABC databank; therefore the Council is unable to compare the level of exams.

Beth Darnell made a motion, seconded by Richard Reed that pending proof of Ohio employment, Joseph M Holtgrewe be granted a Water Supply 1 Certification and that his request for reciprocity for a wastewater certification be rejected. Motion carried.

At the November 2008 meeting, Council discussed the possibility of issuing Class A certifications in certain instances involving reciprocity. Pending information from Ohio EPA Legal office, this discussion has been tabled until the January 2009 meeting.

6) Enforcement

At 9:30 a.m. Beth Darnell made a motion seconded by Richard Lorenz that Council move into executive session to discuss enforcement issues. Motion carried. At 9:59 a.m. Richard Lorenz made a motion seconded by Terry Meister to move out of executive session. Motion carried.

7) Course Relevancy

Council discussed the relevancy of two courses submitted for contact hour course approval. Richard Lorenz made a motion seconded by Vui Chung that "Moving Forward on Gulf Hypoxia" be approved for two contact hours with an "Other" (X) designation and that "Latest Environmental News" be denied contact hours. Motion carried.

8) Other Business

Andrew Barienbrock provided information on the incorrect exam result letters mailed to Water Distribution I participants. The problem has been corrected.

Discussion of strategic planning was tabled until January, 2009 when Kirk Leifheit will provide information about the current strategic plan, where we are now and what will be next.

Class IV applications for Johnny J. Salyers (WW), Jeffrey Looby (WW), Kevin Zebrowski (WW), David Markley (WW), Andrew belcher (WS) and Fred McCreary (WS) were approved between the November and December 2008 Council meetings.

8) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Vui Chung made a motion seconded by Richard Reed, that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 10:50 a.m. on Thursday December 18, 2008. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, January 15, 2009 in Ohio EPA conference room B (6th floor).

Council Approved: January 15, 2009