

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council

February 21, 2008

Present for the meeting on Thursday, February 21, 2008 were: Chris Clark, member and chair; Vui Chung, member; Robert Brown, 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 and Richard Lorenz, member, arrived at 8:40 a.m. Gregory P. Wilson, guest, observed the portions of the meeting which were open and was excused when the Council moved into executive session

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. Robert Brown made a motion seconded by Richard Reed that the minutes of the January 31, 2008 meeting be approved with one minor correction. Motion carried. Jim Simpson and Richard Lorenz were not present for the vote.

1) Class IV, Examinations (In Review)

WATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	BD	RL	VC	JS	CC	RR	RB
Timothy A. Stevens, City of Cleveland (resubmittal) – 1 copy	**							

WASTEWATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	BD	RL	VC	JS	CC	RR	RB
Barb Browne, Cincinnati MSD (resubmittal)				**		**	**	**
John A. Clark, Portage Co. (resubmittal)					**	**	**	**
James L. Webber, City of Springfield (resubmittal)					**	**	**	**
William W. Young, Youngstown					**	**	**	**

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

2) Class IV Actions

WATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
James Six	City of Akron	WS	Return for additional information
Gary G. Wick	City of Fairfield	WS	Return for additional information
Chad Johnson	City of Bowling Green	WS	Return for additional information

WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Michael LaCivita	City of Ravenna	WW	Recommended for approval
Tracey M. Phelps	Medina County	WW	Recommended for approval
Jesse Troy	City of Youngstown	WW	Return for additional information

Robert Brown made a motion seconded by Richard Lorenz that the examinations from Michael F. LaCivita and Tracey M. Phelps be approved and that the examinations from James Six, Gary Wick, Chad Johnson and Jesse Troy be returned for additional information.

3) OITs

NAME	EXAM TYPE	ACTION
John Craydon	WW III	Not enough time
Jeffrey Feltz	WD II	Recommended for approval
Shawn Hefner	WW II	Not enough time
Jonathan Montgomery	WC II	Recommended for approval
Roy V. Moore	WS II	Recommended for approval
Robin Reck	WW I	Recommended for approval
Jerry Shaver	WC I	Recommended for approval
Robert Shuman	WS II	Recommended for approval

Kirk Leifheit made a motion, seconded by Vui Chung, recommending Jeffrey Feltz, Jonathan Montgomery, Roy Moore, Robin Reck, Jerry Shaver, and Robert Shuman be issued certificates and that John Craydon and Shawn Hefner resubmit OIT documentation when experience time requirements are met. Motion carried.

4) Extension Requests

Vui Chung made a motion, seconded by Beth Darnell that Robert Shelby, Lake County, be granted an extension until October 11, 2008 to submit his Wastewater Treatment Class IV examination. Motion carried.

5) Enforcement

At 10:18 a.m. Robert Brown made a motion, seconded by Richard Reed, that the Council move into executive session to discuss enforcement issues. Motion carried. At 10:45 a.m. Vui Chung made a motion, seconded by Kirk Leifheit, that the Council move out of executive session to continue regular business. Motion carried.

6) Other Business

Gregory P. Wilson, Wastewater Treatment Class IV candidate met with the Council to discuss questions he had about resubmitting his examination.

Council members were informed that a list of operators with certificates which expired December 31, 2007 will be posted on the Operator Certification Web site, <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/ddagw/opcert.html>. A list of certificates which became invalid as of January 1, 2008 (certificates expired December 31, 2006) will also be posted within the next week.

Council discussed the applicability of a degree in GIS/GPS Technology. Kirk Leifheit made a motion seconded by Richard Lorenz recommending that a degree in GIS/GPS Technology does not meet the criteria of being a natural or physical science nor environmental, chemical, or civil engineering set forth in Ohio Administrative Code 3745-7-06 (C)(b).

Kirk Leifheit and Andrew Barienbrock discussed their upcoming Class IV examination workshop which will be held March 6, 2008 in Kent, Ohio. Robert Brown indicated that the facility seats 40 people and the workshop is full with 6 to 8 people on the waiting list. Future workshops in the other districts may be held twice in the same day if the response continues. These are stand-alone 2 hour workshops not available for contact hours.

Robert Brown brought an article by Daniel W. Schneider titled *Process Control as Ecosystem Management: Using the History of Sewage Treatment Plants to Analyze Ecosystem Management Practices* and published in *Ecosystems* (2006) to the Council's attention.

Andrew Barienbrock reported on the DACUM program, Task Verification Report provided by The Ohio State University and response to the DACUM follow up surveys which were mailed February 20, 2008.

At 12:32 p.m. Vui Chung made a motion, seconded by Richard Reed that the Council move into executive session for discussion. Motion carried. At 12:39 p.m. Robert Brown made a motion, seconded by Richard Reed, that the Council move out of executive session to continue regular business. Motion carried.

Craig A. Pierce, Class IV candidate met with the Council and was asked to solve problems regarding plant chlorination and dechlorination which he did to Council's satisfaction. Kirk Leifheit made a motion, seconded by Vui Chung recommending that Craig Pierce be issued a Class IV Wastewater Treatment certificate.

Robert Brown's term on Council expires June 30, 2008. Council discussed the replacement criteria; system size is more important than system location; the need for someone with the time commitment and dedication to serve; a person involved with more than just plant experience such as administration, collection system, recent plant experience, technically oriented, responsibilities in various areas. Kirk Leifheit will be having discussions with the Division of Surface Water (DSW).

The Agency approved a Class IV wastewater applications for Robert S. Canter, Patrick Antonelli, and Christopher Majewski and Class IV water applications for Bruce L. Whitteberry, Christopher Colansti and Christopher Taylor between the January 2008 and February 2008 Council meetings.

9) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Robert Brown made a motion seconded by Beth Darnell, that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 1:20 p.m. on Thursday February 21, 2008. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, March 20, 2008 in Ohio EPA conference room B (6th floor).

Council Approved: March 20, 2008