

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council January 31, 2008

Present for the meeting on Thursday, January 31, 2008 were: Chris Clark, member and chair; Vui Chung, member; Robert Brown, member; Jim Simpson, member; Richard Reed, member; Kirk Leifheit, member; Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit; Jessica Dingman, Certification Unit. Beth Darnell, member, arrived at 8:45 a.m. Richard Lorenz, member, arrived at 10:24 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:31 a.m. Kirk Leifheit made a motion seconded by Robert Brown that the minutes of the December 20, 2007 meeting be approved. Motion carried. Beth Darnell 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
James Six, City of Akron (resubmittal)	**	**	**	**				
Gary G. Wick, City of Fairfield (resubmittal)	**	**	**	**				
Chad Johnson, City of Bowling Green	**	**	**	**				
Timothy A. Stevens, City of Cleveland (resubmittal) – 1 copy	**							

WASTEWATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	BD	RL	VC	JS	CC	RR	RB
Michael F. LaCivita, Jr., City of Ravenna (resubmittal)					**	**	**	**
Tracey M. Phelps, Medina Co. (resubmittal)					**	**	**	**
Jesse Troy, Youngstown					**	**	**	**

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

2) Class IV Actions

WATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
James V. Bates	City of Sebring	WS	Return for additional information

Richard Lorenz made a motion seconded by Beth Darnell that the examination from James Bates be returned for additional information.

WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Todd Madden	Butler Co.	WW	Recommended for approval
Craig Pierce	City of Conneaut	WW	Invite to February meeting
Gregory P. Wilson	City of Jackson	WW	Return for additional information

Vui Chung made a motion seconded by Jim Simpson that the examination from Todd Madden be recommended for approval; that the examination from Gregory P. Wilson be returned for additional information; and that Craig Pierce be invited to the February meeting. Motion carried. Richard Lorenz was not present for the vote.

3) OITs

NAME	EXAM TYPE	ACTION
Dunn, Richard S	WW I	Recommended for approval
Felton II, John E.	WW I	Recommended for approval
Fine, Ryan	WD I	Recommended for approval
Fraley, Matthew D.	WS I	Recommended for approval
Gaugler, Matt	WW II	Recommended for approval
McCoy, Aaron D.	WS I	Recommended for approval
McKeen, Michelle R.	WW I	Recommended for approval
Miller, Kenneth C.	WW I	Recommended for approval
Skolmutch, Nathan	WW I	Recommended for approval
Stammen, Jamie A.	WW II	Recommended for approval
Tucker Jr., Everett L.	WS I	Recommended for approval

Vui Chung made a motion, seconded by Richard Reed, recommending all of the above referenced operators be issued certificates. Motion carried. Richard Lorenz and Kirk Leifheit were not present for the vote.

4) Extension Requests

Robert Brown made a motion, seconded by Beth Darnell that Larry Ploscik, be granted an extension until September 5, 2008 to submit his Water Supply Class IV examination. Motion carried. Richard Lorenz and Kirk Leifheit were not present for the vote.

5) Reciprocity

The Council discussed the reciprocity applications from Brian Blum, State of Arizona Wastewater Grade 4 certificate, Brian S. Jurosko, West Virginia Wastewater Class I, and Randy A. Moore, Indiana Water Treatment IV and a DSL Distribution.

The State of Arizona submitted a representative examination for the Council's review. The 100 question sample examination was determined to be comparable to Ohio's Class III Wastewater Treatment examination.

The State of West Virginia submitted a representative examination for the Council's review which was determined to be comparable to Ohio's Class I Wastewater Treatment examination.

The State of Indiana indicated that they are using the Association of Boards of Certification (ABC) Class IV examination question bank which the Council has previously determined to be comparable to Ohio's Class II Water Supply examination.

Robert Brown made a motion, seconded by Jim Simpson, recommending that Brian Blum be issued an Ohio Class III Wastewater Treatment certification that Brian Jurosko be issued an Ohio Class I Wastewater Treatment certification, and the Randy A. Moore be issued an Ohio Class II Water Supply. Motion carried. Richard Lorenz and Kirk Leifheit were not present for the vote.

6) **Enforcement**

At 9:55 a.m. Vui Chung made a motion, seconded by Beth Darnell, that the Council move into executive session to discuss enforcement issues. Motion Carried. At 10:16 a.m. Vui Chung made a motion, seconded by Beth Darnell, that the Council move out of executive session to continue regular business. Motion carried.

7) **Course Approvals**

The council reviewed the following courses for relevance based upon information provided by Ohio LTAP Center: **Commercial Drivers' License Upgrade, Bucket Truck Operation**, and renewal applications for **Crack/Joint Sealing, Concrete Pavement Preservation, Chainsaw Maintenance, and Chipper/Chainsaw Maintenance**. The Council also reviewed the following courses for relevance based upon information provided by Ohio EPA, DDAGW: **ERT ICS Roles & Responsibilities, Southwest District Office Emergency Exercise Experiences and Review of Updated Emergency Incident Checklists**. The Ohio EPA courses were specific to Ohio EPA's DDAGW Emergency Response Plan.

After reviewing and discussing the course information, Beth Darnell made a motion, seconded by Jim Simpson recommending that the courses not be approved based upon the explanations provided; the subject matter does not appear to be relevant to the operation and management of a public water system or treatment facility, water distribution system, treatment works, or sewerage system. Motion carried. Kirk Leifheit was absent for the vote.

8) **Other Business**

Andrew Barienbrock provided a report on the recent ABC conference in San Antonio, Texas where he gave a presentation on Ohio's Class A certification program and the DACUM project. Other states are interested in the duties of operators as determined by DACUM exercises through The Ohio State University.

360Water will be providing classroom training for a fee the day prior to Ohio's water examination dates. The classroom training has also been approved for contact hours. The online version of the training is still available at the Web site: oeqa.360water.com and is free.

Kirk Leifheit and Andrew Barienbrock discussed their upcoming Class IV examination workshop which will be held March 6, 2008 in Kent, Ohio.

There was a discussion on the draft Water Distribution I Need-to-Know Criteria. When the DACUM results are completed, the two will be compared.

Council members were informed that clarifications to the Class IV guidance memo and exam have been posted on the Operator Certification Web site. The exam review checklists have also been posted.

The Agency approved a Class IV water application for Lorraine J. Brown and Class IV wastewater applications for Alexander T. Berki and Jeffrey D. Zimmerman between the December 2007 and January 2008 Council meetings.

9) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Robert Brown made a motion seconded by Kirk Leifheit, that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 11:26 a.m. on Thursday January 31, 2008. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, February 21, 2008 in Ohio EPA conference room B (6th floor).

Council Approved: January 21, 2008