

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council

March 20, 2008

Present for the meeting on Thursday, March 20, 2008 were: Robert Brown, member; Beth Darnell, member; Richard Reed, member; Richard Lorenz, member; Jim Simpson, member; Dave Bornino, Certification Unit; Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Jessica Dingman, Certification Unit.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:38 a.m. Richard Reed made a motion seconded by Beth Darnell that the minutes of the February 21, 2008 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

1) Class IV, Examinations (In Review)

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| NAME, LOCATION | KL | BD | RL | VC | JS | CC | RR | RB |
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| Michael Dreger, City of Alliance | ** | ** | ** | ** | | | | |
| Phillip Farrar, City of Clyde (resubmittal) | ** | ** | ** | ** | | | | |
| Thomas Holloway, Mahoning Valley (resubmittal) | ** | ** | ** | ** | | | | |
| Kenneth Yee, City of Berea (resubmittal) | ** | ** | ** | ** | | | | |

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| NAME, LOCATION | KL | BD | RL | VC | JS | CC | RR | RB |
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| Carline Curry, City of Mansfield (resubmittal) | | | | ** | | ** | ** | ** |
| Kerry Duncan, City of Celina | | | | | ** | ** | ** | ** |
| Daniel Siler, Cincinnati MSD (resubmittal) | | | | ** | ** | ** | ** | |
| Gary Squire, Lower Little Miami (resubmittal) | | | | | ** | ** | ** | ** |
| Donald West, Portage County (resubmittal) | | ** | ** | | | | ** | ** |
| Gregory P. Wilson, City of Jackson (resubmittal) | | | | ** | ** | ** | | ** |

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

The Wastewater Class IV examinations for Terry Meister and Bharati Torgalkar were not distributed due to the Advisory Council's workload. These selections were made based on the date the examinations arrived at Ohio EPA.

2) Class IV Actions

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| NAME | EMPLOYER | TYPE | ACTION |
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| Timothy Stephens | City of Cleveland | WS | Return for additional information |

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| NAME | EMPLOYER | TYPE | ACTION |
|------------------|---------------------|------|-----------------------------------|
| Barbara Browne | Cincinnati MSD | WW | Return for additional information |
| John A. Clark | Portage County | WW | Recommended for approval |
| James L. Webber | City of Springfield | WW | Recommended for approval |
| William W. Young | City of Youngstown | WW | Return for additional information |

Jim Simpson made a motion seconded by Richard Reed that the examinations from John Clark and James Webber be approved and that the examinations from Timothy Stephens, Barbara Browne and William Young be returned for additional information. Motion Carried.

3) OITs

| NAME | EXAM TYPE | ACTION |
|------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Stephen Adams | WS III | Recommended for approval |
| Aaron Brigham | WD II | Recommended for approval |
| Matt Brooks | WS I | Recommended for approval |
| Douglas Dunn | WS III | Recommended for approval |
| Daisy Evans | WW II | Recommended for approval |
| Thomas Frey | WW II | Recommended for approval |
| Charles Heil III | WS I | Recommended for approval |
| Bridget Shiets | WW I | Recommended for approval |

Robert Brown made a motion, seconded by Jim Simpson, recommending all OIT operators on the agenda be issued certificates. Motion carried.

4) Reciprocity

The Council discussed the reciprocity application from Stephen Ohlinger, Jr., State of West Virginia Wastewater Grade I certificate.

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

Richard Reed made a motion, seconded by Beth Darnell that Stephen Ohlinger, Jr. be issued an Ohio Class I Wastewater Treatment certification. Motion carried.

5) **Enforcement**

At 9:18 a.m. Robert Brown made a motion, seconded by Beth Darnell, that the Council move into executive session to discuss enforcement issues. Motion carried. At 9:31 a.m. Beth Darnell made a motion, seconded by Robert Brown, that the Council move out of executive session to continue regular business. Motion carried.

6) **Other Business**

Council members were informed that a list of operators with certificates which expired December 31, 2007 has been 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) was also posted.

Andrew Barienbrock reported on the DACUM program, Task Verification Analysis that he recently attended. Council was notified that there was another Task Verification Analysis to be held at The Ohio State University the week of March 24, 2008.

Robert Brown's term on Council expires June 30, 2008. Council discussed a few individuals whose names were being preliminarily considered. Council agreed to bring specific names and resumes of potential candidates to the April meeting for selection of Robert Brown's replacement. Council would like to invite the new member to attend the May meeting.

Council reviewed several examination questions submitted by Pat Antonelli and several operators who attended his OTCO course. A few questions were determined to be duplicates of questions existing in the question bank and were discarded. Minor adjustments were made to the other questions and/or their answer selections and were accepted into the Ohio EPA examination question bank.

Andrew Barienbrock informed the Council of a letter that the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters (DDAGW) will be sending to all Public Water Systems (PWSs) who have no Operator of Record or who have operators with invalid or expired certificates as an Operator of Record for that facility. The Division of Surface Water (DSW) does not currently have a system like SDWIS to track this information, however, they are working on one.

The Agency approved Class IV wastewater applications for Mark Livengood, Alan Legault, and William G. Norton between the February 2008 and March 2008 Council meetings.

7) **Course Approval**

The council reviewed the following course for relevance based upon information provided by John Norton of Ohio EPA: **Non-Point Source Project Funding (Section 319)**.

After reviewing and discussing the course information, Robert Brown made a motion, seconded by Beth Darnell recommending that the course be approved for both water and wastewater and be designated as an "X" for "Other." Motion Carried.

8) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Richard Reed made a motion seconded by Robert Brown, that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 11:58 a.m. on Thursday March 20, 2008. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, April 17, 2008 in Ohio EPA conference room B (6th floor).

Council Approved: April 17, 2008