

## Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council March 19, 2009

Present for the meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2009 were: Chris Clark, member and chair; Richard Lorenz, member; Vui Chung, member; Kirk Leifheit, member; Richard Reed, member; Terry Meister, member; Beth Darnell, member; Jim Simpson, member; Jessica Dingman, Certification Unit; Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit; and Dave Bornino, Certification Unit.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. Terry Meister made a motion seconded by Kirk Leifheit that the minutes of the February 19, 2009 meeting be approved as amended. Motion carried.

### 1) Class IV, Examinations (In review)

#### WATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	BD	RL	VC	JS	CC	RR	TM
Michael E. Dreger, City of Alliance 3rd submittal, 4 copies	**S	**	**	**				
James J. Miller Jr, City of Lorain Original submittal, 4 copies	**	**S	**	**				

#### WASTEWATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	BD	RL	VC	JS	CC	RR	TM
Russell C. Bales, City of Lima Original submittal, 4 copies					**	**	**S	**
Josh Goodridge, St. Clairsville Original submittal, 4 copies				**S		**	**	**
Nicholas Jordan, City of Struthers Original submittal, 4 copies					**S	**	**	**
John E. Motycka, Allen County Original submittal, 4 copies	**	**			**	**S		
Brian T. Schultz II, City of Sidney Original 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
Mark J. Livengood	Montgomery Co.	WW	Return for additional information
Kenneth Rosenbaum	Delaware Co.	WW	Return for additional Information
George D. Schur	NEORS	WW	Recommend approval

Kirk Leifheit made a motion seconded by Jim Simpson that the examinations from Mark Livengood and Kenneth Rosenbaum be returned for additional information and that George D. Schur be issued his Wastewater Treatment Class IV examination. Motion carried. Terry Meister abstained from voting.

### 3) OITs

NAME	EXAM TYPE	ACTION
Marcia Bland	WC II	Recommend approval
Ron Bell	WW I	Recommend approval
Aaron Bringham	WC I	Recommend approval
Susan Clark	WS I	Recommend approval
Karl Ellis	WW II	Recommend approval
Charles Hapner	WW II	Recommend approval
Steven B. Patterson	WW I	Recommend approval
Eric Peterson	WD II	Approved after 03/30/2009
Robert Ray	WW II	Pending original signatures
Clay Schwochow	WW I	Recommend approval
Bridget Shiets	WW II	Recommend approval
Monica Smith	WS A	Pending DMA documentation
Todd Smith	WS A	Recommend approval
Gregory Scannenber	WS II	Recommend approval
Jordon Tokar	WW II	Recommend approval
William Wolfe	WS A	Recommend approval

Richard Lorenz made a motion that Marcia Bland, Ron Bell, Aaron Bringham, Susan Clark, Karl Ellis, Charles Hapner, Steven Patterson, Clay Schwochow, Bridget Shiets, Todd Smith, Greg Scannenber, Jordon Tokar, and William Wolfe be issued their certifications, that Randall Duncan and Robert Ray be issued certifications pending the receipt of original signatures, that Monica Smith be issued certification pending the receipt of DMA documentation, and that Eric Peterson be issued certification after 03/30/2009. Motion seconded by Vui Chung. Motion carried. Terry Meister abstained from voting.

### 4) Extensions

Kirk Leifheit made a motion, seconded by Beth Darnell that Robert Gardner (WS), City of Westerville; Michael Mearini (WW), City of Ashtabula and Timothy Ray (WS), City of Troy, each be granted an extension until October 13, 2009 to submit their Class IV examinations. Motion carried. Richard Lorenz abstained from voting.

**5) Reciprocity**

Robert B. Goldman holds a Water Pollution Collection System Class 1 certification from North Carolina. The state of North Carolina would not share a representative examination with Council and does not use the ABC question database. Terry Meister made a motion seconded by Richard Lorenz that Mr. Goldman's reciprocity request be rejected. Motion carried.

**6) Strategic Planning**

Council discussed strategic planning issues. Chris Clark will provide a revised version of the strategic plan as discussed recently to use in upcoming planning. Council will begin to establish schedules for the afternoon sessions to work on planning issues.

Strategic Planning issues for the April Council include the preamble to the generic letter mailed to operators being accepted to take the Class IV examinations, the Class IV Water supply guidance document for the Plant Section of the exam and Need to Know Criteria.

Council discussed the length of the operator certification examinations. The Certification Unit will monitor exam completion during the spring exam cycle. These statistics will be shared at the June 25, 2009 Council meeting.

The new Agency Council member will be introduced at the June 25, 2009 Council meeting and Class IV and OIT extension times will be discussed.

**7) Other Business**

At 10:00 a.m. Kirk Leifheit made a motion seconded by Vui Chung that Council move into Executive Session to discuss enforcement and other issues. Motion carried. At 10:42 a.m. Richard Reed made a motion seconded by Terry Meister that Council move out of Executive Session and return to regular business. Motion Carried.

Andrew Barienbrock reported that to date, 39 participants have participated in the Wastewater Class A training and taken the certification examination. One person failed the examination by one question; 38 participants passed the examination; other participants took the course to be used for contact hours. Eleven training sessions have been scheduled at the District offices through the end of April, 2009

Terry Meister submitted exam questions for review by the Council.

**8) Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Beth Darnell made a motion seconded by Jim Simpson, that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 2:18 p.m. on Thursday March 19, 2009. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, April 16, 2009 in Ohio EPA Conference room B (6<sup>th</sup> floor).

**Council Approved: April 16, 2009**