

# Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council

## November 13, 2008

Present for the meeting on Thursday, November 13, 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; Jessica Dingman, Certification Unit; Dave Bornino, Certification Unit.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:32 a.m. Beth Darnell made a motion seconded by Richard Reed that the minutes of the October 16, 2008 meeting be approved. Richard Lorenz and Vui Chung abstained from voting. Motion carried.

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

#### WATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	BD	RL	VC	JS	CC	RR	TM
Alonzo M. Waitman, City of Dayton Original submittal, 4 copies	**	** S	**	**				

#### WASTEWATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	BD	RL	VC	JS	CC	RR	TM
Mark J. Livengood, Montgomery Co Original submittal, 4 copies					** S	**	**	**
Lance Willard, City of Columbiana 2 <sup>nd</sup> submittal, 4 copies					**	**	** S	**

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

### 2) Class IV Actions

#### WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Michael Dreger	City of Alliance	WS	Return for additional information
Robert R. Gardner, Jr.	City of Westerville	WS	Return for additional information
Jeffrey I. Newcomer	City of Findlay	WS	Recommend for approval
Bruce L. Whitteberry	GCWW	WS	Recommend for approval
Barbara A. Browne	Cincinnati MSD	WW	Recommend for approval
Michael A. Mearini	City of Ashtabula	WW	Return for additional information
Bharati A. Torgalkar	North Olmsted	WW	Return for additional information

Terry Meister made a motion seconded by Vui Chung that the examinations from Jeffrey I. Newcomer, Bruce L. Whitteberry, and Barbara A. Browne be approved and that the examinations from Michael Dreger, Robert R. Gardner, Jr., Michael A. Mearini and Bharati A. Torgalkar be returned for additional information. Motion carried. Richard Lorenz abstained from voting.

### 3) OITs

NAME	EXAM TYPE	ACTION
Jason E. Andrews	WW I	Recommend approval
Mark A. Berfield	WD I	Recommend approval
Rick D. Combs	WW I	Recommend approval
Jeffrey B. Creamer	WS I	Recommend approval
Walter D. Ernst	WD I	Recommend approval
Gregory D. Farrow	WC II	Recommend approval
David J. Gardner	WS I	Recommend approval
Nathan Johnson	WW I	Recommend approval
Nathan Johnson	WS I	Recommend approval
Dennis M. Madden	WC I	Pending signed duties
Ron R. McAbier	WD II	Recommend approval
Dwain M. Novak	WW III	After 11/17/2008
Robin Romes	WW I	Recommend approval
Thomas L. Roth	WW I	Recommend approval
Walter J. Sadzewicz	WW II	Recommend approval
Kevin P. Smith	WW II	Recommend approval
Jeffery C. Wiehe	WS III	Pending original notarized signatures
Jeffrey A. Wood	WD I	Recommend approval
Warren P. Yambor	WS II	Recommend approval

Richard Lorenz made a motion, seconded by Beth Darnell, recommending that all the above be issued certificates with the exception of Dwain Novak, Dennis Madden and Jeffery Wiehe and that Dwain Novak be issued a certificate after November 17, 2008 and that Dennis Madden and Jeffery Wiehe be issued their certificates upon receipt of an applications with original signatures and notary. Motion carried.

Terry Meister abstained from voting.

### 4) Reciprocity

Richard Reed made a motion, seconded by Jim Simpson pending proof of Ohio employment, Joseph C. Stabile be granted a Wastewater 2 Certification. Motion carried.

Joseph M. Holtgrewe's applications for Water and Wastewater certification through reciprocity from Tennessee have been tabled until the December 2008 meeting. Mr. Holtgrewe received certification in Tennessee through reciprocity from the state of Indiana. Information from Indiana regarding his original certification had not been received at the time of the Council meeting.

The Council discussed the possibility of issuing Class A certifications in certain instances involving reciprocity. Andrew Barienbrock will discuss these issues with Legal and provide a report at the December 2008 meeting.

## **6) Other Business**

The Council reviewed exam questions for clarity and relevancy.

The Council discussed the possibility of shortening the allowed time for examinations from five and six hours to three and four hours in 2010. The plan will be discussed with stakeholder organizations and data will be collected during the 2009 exam cycles.

Andrew Barienbrock reported that the first ERAC challenge to a public water system plan approval with minimum staffing requirement language in it has been filed. The facility involved is appealing the plan approval because of concerns about the minimum staffing requirements.

Council agreed to the 2009 meeting schedule. Request for meeting room reservations will be made.

Chris Clark, Chairman, left at 11:15 a.m.; Richard Lorenz, Vice Chairman, continued in charge of the meeting.

Discussion of council's strategic plan, and other long range planning goals were tabled until the December 2008 meeting.

A Class IV wastewater application was approved for David A. Huff between the October and November 2008 Council meetings.

## **8) Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Kirk Leifheit made a motion seconded by Terry Meister, that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 11:24 a.m. on Thursday November 13, 2008. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, December 18, 2008 in Ohio EPA conference room B (6<sup>th</sup> floor).

**Council Approved: December 18, 2008**