

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council

April 16, 2015

The Advisory Council met on Thursday, April 16, 2015. Members attending were: Richard Reed, member and chairman; Beth Darnell, member; Dan Cloyd, member; Tom Jedlinsky, member; Terry Meister, member; Mike Gallaway, member; Tracey Phelps, member; Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit. Verna Arnette, member, attended until 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:07 a.m. in EPA Conference Room B.

Terry Meister made a motion seconded by Mike Gallaway to approve the March 19, 2015 minutes as revised. Motion carried. Verna Arnette abstained.

1) Class IV, Examinations (In review)

Water

NAME, LOCATION	DC	BD	VA	TJ	MG	TP	RR	TM
No Class IVs distributed 4/16/2015								

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Wastewater

NAME, LOCATION	DC	BD	VA	TJ	MG	TP	RR	TM
Amy Elliott, City of Alliance 1 st submittal, 4 copies, recd. 4/01/15					**	**	**	**s
David Pitsenbarger, Village of Westfield 2 nd submittal, 4 copies, recd. 4/13/15					**	**s	**	**

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2) Class IV Actions

WATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
No water exams distributed for review on 03/19/2015		

WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
Andy Catanzarite,	City of Niles	Recommend returning for additional information
Robert R. Elmerick	Medina County	Recommend returning for additional information
Jason Grooms	Cincinnati MSD	Recommend returning for additional information

Mike Gallaway made a motion seconded by Tracey Phelps to return Andy Catanzarite's examination for additional information on the City of Niles because it is a Class IV facility. Motion carried.

Mike Gallaway made a motion seconded by Dan Cloyd to return the examinations of Robert Elmerick and Jason Grooms for additional information. Motion carried. Verna Arnette and Tracey Phelps abstained.

3) Extensions

Jerry Ondo, Lake County Department of Utilities requested an extension of his April 18, 2015 due date to submit his Class IV Wastewater Treatment examination. Beth Darnell made a motion to grant Mr. Ondo a one year extension to complete his examination. Tracey Phelps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4) Reciprocity

Charles E. Devaney, Jr. has requested reciprocity with the State of Ohio. He has held a Wastewater Class 1 certification in the State of West Virginia since May 28, 2014. Mr. Devaney received his West Virginia Class 1 Wastewater certification after passing the West Virginia Class 1 Wastewater exam. Council reviewed a representative Class 1 Wastewater examination provided by the State of West Virginia and determined it to be equivalent to Ohio's Class 1 Wastewater Treatment examination.

Mike Gallaway made a motion recommending Charles E. Devaney Jr. be granted reciprocity for a Class 1 Wastewater Treatment certification pending proof of employment in the State of Ohio. Dan Cloyd seconded the motion. Motion carried. Verna Arnette was absent.

6) Operating-in-Training

Operator-in-Training (OIT) applications approved between March 19, 2015 and April 16, 2015 Council meetings were: Brandon M. Byler (WSA); Craig A. Day (WW1); Todd M. Huff (WC1); James R. Jenkins (WS1); Brian K. Klonk (WC2); John A. Napp (WS2); Sean D. Smith (WD2); James R. Stacchiotti (WD1); Theodore G. Wall (WC1); Nathan C. Zinsmeister (WD2).

7) Other Business

Council members, Beth Darnell and Verna Arnette offered to provide copies of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) they have written which might be helpful to other plants having operating problems and no SOPs to use for guidelines.

Andy Barienbrock discussed possible rule changes, operator-of-record issues and the growing need for an adequate number of experienced operators.

Tracey Phelps shared information about the mentoring program for utility workers with the City of Columbus and additional training and mentoring initiatives the City may be offering in the future.

The traditional (pencil/paper) exams will be held the first week in May, 2015 in the Lausche Building at the State of Ohio Fairgrounds. The wastewater exams will be held Tuesday, May 5, 2015 and the water exams will be held Wednesday, May 6. Exam proctors. Beth Darnell and Tom Jedlinsky volunteered to assist with the water exams.

At 11:14 p.m. Mike Gallaway made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terry Meister seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next Council meeting will be held Thursday, May 14, 2015 in Ohio EPA Conference Room B.

Council Approved: April 16, 2015