

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council June 23, 2016

The Advisory Council met on Thursday, June 23, 2016. Members attending were: Richard Reed, member and chairman; Tom Jedlinsky, member; Verna Arnette, member; Terry Meister, member; Tracey Phelps, member; Mark Verbsky, member; Scott Foster, member; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit; Nush Courlas, Certification Unit. Andy Barienbrock, OR&C, arrived at 10:00 a.m.

The Class IV presentation began at 9:05 a.m. in EPA Conference Room A. Four operators attended the presentation, Andrew Belcher, James Bookman, Eric Markley, and Jason Wolfarth. All participants remained to review exemplary Class IV examinations after the presentation.

The Council meeting was called to order at approximately 10:30 a.m. in EPA Conference Room B.

After a review of the Council minutes for the May 12, 2016 meeting, Mark Verbsky made a motion to approve the minutes. Terry Meister seconded the motion. Motion carried.

1) Class IV, Examinations (In review)

Water

NAME, LOCATION	MV	BD	VA	TJ	SF	TP	RR	TM
No Class IVs distributed on 06/23/16								

Wastewater

NAME, LOCATION	MV	BD	VA	TJ	SF	TP	RR	TM
No Class IVs distributed on 06/23/16								

**** Denotes who currently has package. "s" Denotes who is preparing summary.**

"m" Denotes mailed.

2) Class IV Actions

WATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
Aaron D. McCoy	Campbell's Soup	Approval pending completion of all reviews

WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
Jeffrey L. Meinert	City of Sandusky	Recommend passing

Terry Meister made a motion to recommend passing the examination of Jeffrey Meinert, and approval of Aaron McCoy's examination pending the completion of all reviews. Verna Arnette seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3) Extensions

No extensions were requested between the May 12 and June 23, 2016 meetings.

4) Reciprocity

Nicholas Arthur has requested reciprocity with the State of Ohio. He has held a Drinking Water Grade C with the state of Florida since July 20, 2015. The State of Florida does not use ABC examinations and is not willing to share a representative copy of the examination taken by Mr. Arthur.

Craig Johnson has requested reciprocity with the State of Ohio. He has held a Wastewater Treatment Class II certification with the State of West Virginia since November 15, 2012. Mr. Johnson is currently employed by the City of Marietta, Ohio at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The State of West Virginia uses their own examinations and shared a WW II examination in 2014. At that time, Council determined the West Virginia Wastewater II exam to be equivalent to Ohio's Wastewater Treatment II.

Scott Foster made a motion to deny Mr. Arthur's request for reciprocity and grant Mr. Johnson a Class 2 Wastewater Treatment Certification. Terry Meister seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5) Certifications Issued

Third Party Exam, Reciprocity and Operator-in-Training (OIT) applications approved between the May 12, 2016 and June 23, 2016 Council meetings were: Donald L. Arnold (WWA); Bradley H. Bates (WC2); Stagerlee A. Beabout (WS1); Chet W. Bolender (WD2); Jesse S. Conaway (WW1); Donna L. Corvo (WW1); Jerome Dempsey (WW1); Robert E. Glasgow (WWA); Matthew C. Griggs (WD1, WC1); Kevin A. Haines (WSA); Jeremy A. Hamel (WW4); Charles W. Hawk (WW1, WS1); James L. Hunsaker (WC1); Anthony J. Hunt WC1); Nicholas M. Loudenslager (WS1); Deborah L. Martin (WW2); Jeffrey L. Meinert Jr. (WW1); Amber R. Mengert (WC2); Anthony J. Parone (WC2); Frank S. Renner (WS1); Jonathan R. Seiber (WD1); Ryan C. Shafer (WW1); Lisa M. Smith (WS1); Lanny G. Wallace (WC1); Scott P. Wilson (WW2).

6) Other Business

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Council met with Carolyn Watkins, Chief of Ohio EPA's Office of Environmental Education. Ms. Watkins explained the work of the Environmental Education Council of Ohio (EECO), several educational models, projects and programs being implemented across the state. Council and Ms. Watkins discussed the work of the Environmental Career Ambassadors program and the growing need for water and wastewater operators in Ohio and how each can assist the other for the greater need.

Council met with Brian Blum from 11:40 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Between the May 12, 2016 and June 23, 2016 Council meetings, Class IV applications were approved for the following: James A. Blevins, Sr. (WS), City of Dayton; James R. Bookman (WW), City of Lima; Eric Lynn Markley (WW), City of Lima; and Gerald W. Ondo (WW), Lake County.

At 1:06 p.m. Verna Arnette made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tracey Phelps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next Council meeting will be held Thursday, July 21, 2016 in Ohio EPA Conference Room B at 9:00 a.m.

Council Approved: July 21, 2016