

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council December 17, 2015

The Advisory Council met on Thursday, December 17, 2015. Members attending were: Richard Reed, member and chairman; Tom Jedlinsky, member; Terry Meister, member; Tracey Phelps, member; Dan Cloyd, member; Mike Gallaway, member; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit; Jessica Dingman, Certification Unit; Elizabeth Buening, DSW; Beth Darnell, member arrived at 11:11 a.m.; Andy Barienbrock, DDAGW-CO arrived at 11:13 a.m.

The Class IV presentation began at 9:10 a.m. in EPA Conference Room A. Three operators, Robert Martin, William Ray and David Weihrauch attended the presentation. All participants remained to review exemplary Class IV examinations after the presentation.

The Council meeting was called to order at approximately 10:31 a.m. in EPA Conference Room B.

Tracey Phelps made a motion to approve the amended November Council minutes. Dan Cloyd seconded the motion. Motion carried. Verna Arnette abstained.

1) Class IV, Examinations (In review)

Water

NAME, LOCATION	DC	BD	VA	TJ	MG	TP	RR	TM
Deborah Hanby, City of Cleveland 1 st submittal	**		**s	**				**
Mike Fields, City of Bowling Green 1 st submittal	**s	**	**	**				
Anthony Vigorito, Mahoning Valley Sanitary, 2 nd submittal (Plant)	**	**s	**			**		

Wastewater

NAME, LOCATION	DC	BD	VA	TJ	MG	TP	RR	TM
Matthew D. Ice, Delaware County 2 nd submittal					**	**	**s	**
Michael J. Melnyk, Lake County 2 nd submittal					**s	**EB	**	**

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

"m" Denotes mailed. **EB denotes Elizabeth Buening is reviewing the exam

2) Class IV Actions

WATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
Jason R. Gibboney	City of Huron	Recommend return for additional information

WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
------	----------	--------

William G. Bregant	City of Ravenna	Recommend passing
--------------------	-----------------	-------------------

3) Extensions

No extension requests were received between the November 12, 2015 and December 18, 2015 meetings.

4) Reciprocity

Lawrence D. Jackson has requested reciprocity with the State of Ohio. He has held a Water Treatment Grade IV certification in the State of Tennessee since May 5, 2011. A Small Water System certification is the lowest level of certification and a Grade IV Water Treatment is the highest level of certification, Mr. Jackson received his State of Tennessee Water Treatment Grade IV certification after passing the Tennessee Grade IV examination. A representative copy of the Class 1 Water examination has been made available by the State of Tennessee.

Shawn Galyen, has requested reciprocity with the State of Ohio. He has held a Wastewater Treatment Grade II certification since September 10, 2003 with the State of New York. Wastewater Grade I is the lowest classification and Wastewater Grade 4A is the highest classification. The State of New York Department of Environmental Conservation uses ABC exams but not a standardized examination; it does not include activated sludge. New York requires an operator to have “one year hands-on operator experience at a Grade 2 or higher facility” to become certified at a Grade II level.

Dennis R. Gumbert has requested reciprocity with the State of Ohio. He has held a Wastewater Treatment Grade IV with the State of Kentucky since January 21, 2009. A Wastewater Treatment Grade I is the lowest classification and Wastewater Treatment Grade IV is the highest Classification. Kentucky has shared their examinations.

Mike Gallaway made a motion recommending Mr. Jackson be issued a Class 2 Water Supply certification and Mr. Gumbert be issued a Class 3 Wastewater Treatment certification pending proof of employment in the State of Ohio and, in relation to Shawn Galyen, an additional request for New York’s Wastewater Treatment Grade II exam for comparison to Ohio’s examinations be made. Tom Jedlinski seconded the motion. Motion carried

5) Certifications Issued

Third Party Exam Applications and Operator-in-Training (OIT) applications approved between the November 12, 2015 and December 17, 2015 Council meetings were: Glenn P. Abbott (WW2); Daniel M. Banes (WD2); Timothy R. Barger, (WS2); Cole A. Carbone (WD2); Burgess K. Cline (WS1); Jeffrey B. Creamer (WW2); Brandy L. Delarber (WW1); Douglas N. Dixon, Jr. (WW3); Matthew R. Fechko (WW1); Robert E. Gerdau (WS1); Eric J. Heatherington (WC2); Steven J. Henderson (WW1); Mary A. Ivan-Garza (WS1); Emily C. Kerber (WS1); Mohd Y. Khan (WW2); Thomas J. King (WS2); Chad M. Knippen (WW1); Thomas M. Krug (WS3); Peter J. Lopushansky (WW1); Drew A. Mace (WW1); Daniel Francis Marlatt (WD1); Paul Miller (WW1); Kenneth M. Moats (WS2); William D. Ross (WW2); Nicholas J. Rowlands, (WS1); Justin R. Scheibenzuber (WD1); Daniel L. Smith (WW1); Michael K. Stiles (WW1); Russell Thompson (WS2); Scott R. Wolfe (WW1)

6) Other Business

Between the November 12, 2015 and December 17, 2015 Council meetings, Class IV applications were approved for Robert G. Coker, Jr. (WW) and Robert D. Martin (WW).

An update was given on the eBusiness system and implementation for operators.

The January Council meeting was changed from January 21, 2016 to January 14, 2016.
The

At 11:40 a.m. Mike Gallaway made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tracey Phelps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next Council meeting will be held Thursday, January 14, 2016 in Ohio EPA Central District Office Conference Room A at 9:00 a.m.

Council Approved: January 14, 2016