

# Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council

## September 13, 2012

Present for the meeting on Thursday, September 13, 2012, were: Vui Chung, member and Chair; Richard Reed, member; Verna Arnette, member; Terry Meister, member; Beth Darnell, member; Tracey Phelps, member; Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:10 a.m. in EPA Conference Room C for a Class IV Presentation. Four operators attended the presentation and all remained to review Class IV examinations. The presentation and follow up questions ended at approximately 10:15 a.m. and attendees were given the opportunity to review successful Class IV examinations.

At approximately 10:30 a.m. Vui Chung, Chair, called the regular Council meeting to order.

Terry Meister made a motion, seconded by Richard Reed recommending the August 16, 2012 minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried. Verna Arnette abstained.

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

#### WATER

NAME, LOCATION	DC	BD	VA	VC	MG	TP	RR	TM
Thomas S. McVicker, Village of Byesville 2 <sup>nd</sup> submittal, 4 copies	**	**	** s	**				
Maria Meyer, City of Cincinnati 1 <sup>st</sup> submittal, 4 copies		**		** s	**	**		
Philip L. VanAtta, City of Dayton 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.**

#### WASTEWATER

NAME, LOCATION	DC	BD	VA	VC	MG	TP	RR	TM
No Wastewater exams were received								

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### 2) Class IV Actions

#### WATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
Chad R. Johnson	City of Bowling Green	Recommend Passing

#### WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
Martin W. Bell	Delaware County	Return for additional information

Richard Reed made a motion seconded by Verna Arnette recommending passing the examination of Chad Johnson and recommending the return of the examination of Martin Bell for additional information. Motion carried.

### 3) OITs

NAME	EXAM	LOCATION	ACTION
Barkan III, John M.	WS 1	Aqua Ohio	Recommend Approval
Fields, Tamika N.	WW 1	Liverpool WWTP	Recommend Approval
Harold, Christopher T.	WD 2	Montgomery County	After 09/16/2012
Harold, Christopher T.	WC 1	Montgomery County	Recommend Approval
Housley, Dale A.	WS 2	City of Kent	Recommend Approval
Hudgins, Stephen R.	WS 2	City of Lebanon	Recommend Approval
Huston Jr., John B.	WS 1	City of Xenia	Recommend Approval
Jandes, David P.	WW 2	City of Mason	Recommend Approval
Jones, Matthew	WS 2	City of Orville	Recommend Approval
Leasure, Darrin E.	WW 1	City of Toledo	Recommend Approval
Martin, Joseph B.	WW 1	City of Springfield	After 10/10/2012
McCune, Scott A.	WD 1	City of Wooster	Recommend Approval
McDole, Casey J.	WD 1	NW Water & Sewer	Recommend Approval
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Miller, Robert K.	WW 1	City of Chillicothe	Recommend Approval
Nagode, Frank W. (Bill)	WW A	Diabetes Partnership of Cleveland	Recommend Approval
Nemeth, Robert T.	WW A	Northern Ventures, Inc.	Recommend Approval
Rooks, Brett M.	WW 2	City of Wadsworth	Recommend Approval
Strohm, Edward L.	WW A	Auburn Lake Park, LLC	Pending receipt of orig sigs
Tracey, Todd W.	WS 2	Tuscarawas County	Recommend Approval
Webber, Charles Michael	WW 1	Medina Co. Sanitary	Recommend Approval
White, John C.	WW 1	Greater Cincinnati MSD	Recommend Approval

Richard Reed made a motion, seconded by Terry Meister, recommending the certification of Edward Strohm be approved upon receipt of original signatures, Christopher Harold's WD 2 be issued after 09/16/12, Joseph Martin's WW 1 be issued after 10/10/2012 and the other listed certifications be recommended for approval. Motion carried. Tracey Phelps abstained.

#### **4) Reciprocity**

Dennis J. Duryea has held a Pennsylvania Class A, E Wastewater System certification since prior to 2002 and a Pennsylvania Class B Water System certification since 02/10/2012. The State of Pennsylvania used ABC examinations prior to 2008. The Pennsylvania Class "A" Wastewater System examination given in 2002 has been determined to be equivalent to Ohio's Class 2 Wastewater Treatment examination. Pennsylvania is not willing to share Water System examinations they developed and began using in 2008.

David C. Kohl has held a Pennsylvania Class B Wastewater System certification since 09/12/08 and a Pennsylvania Class B Water System certification since 03/12/2007. The State of Pennsylvania began using their own examinations in 2008 and is not willing to share their examination. The State of Pennsylvania used ABC examinations prior to 2008. The Class "B" Water System examination given by Pennsylvania in 2007 has been determined to be equivalent to Ohio's Class 1 Water Supply examination.

Paul M. Marlow has held a North Carolina Class II Wastewater certification since 06/12/2008. The Council has determined the ABC examination given by North Carolina is equivalent to Ohio's Class A Wastewater Treatment examination.

Ryan C. Shafer has held a Pennsylvania Class B, E Wastewater System certification since 04/19/2006 and a Pennsylvania Class A, E Water System certification since 2007. The State of Pennsylvania used ABC examinations prior to 2008. The Class "B" Wastewater System examination given by Pennsylvania in 2006 has been determined to be equivalent to Ohio's Class 1 Wastewater Treatment examination. Pennsylvania's Class "A" Water System examination given in 2007 has been determined to be equivalent to Ohio's Class 2 Water Supply examination.

Terry Meister made a motion, seconded by Tracey Phelps recommending Mr. Duryea be granted an Ohio Class 2 Wastewater Treatment certification, David Kohl be granted a an Ohio Class 1 Water Supply certification, Paul Marlow be granted an Ohio Class A Wastewater Treatment certification, Ryan Shafer be granted an Ohio Class 1 Wastewater Treatment certification and an Ohio Class 2 Water Supply certification all pending proof of employment in the State of Ohio and continued good standing of their Pennsylvania and North Carolina certificates. Additionally, Dennis Duryea be denied reciprocity for his water certification and David Kohl be denied reciprocity for his wastewater certification. Motion carried.

#### **5) Extensions**

Matthew Hampton, Archbold Water Dept., requested an extension to submit additional information for his Water Supply Class IV examination. His first submittal is due October 31, 2012.

Tim Newland, City of Bellefontaine, requested an extension to finalize his Water Supply Class IV examination. He had previously been granted a one year extension until September 16, 2012.

Richard Reed made a motion, seconded by Tracey Phelps, to grant Mr. Hampton a six month extension until April 31, 2013 and deny Mr. Newland's request for extension.

However, if the submittal is received by the date of the next Council meeting, it will be reviewed. Motion carried.

**6) Other Business**

At approximately 1:13 p.m., the Council met with Timothy Neyer, at his request, to discuss his Class IV examination.

At approximately 2:39 p.m. Tracey Phelps made a motion, seconded by Terry Meister, to move into executive session. Motion carried.

At approximately 2:55 p.m. Beth Darnell made a motion, seconded by Verna Arnette, to move out of executive session. Motion carried.

Terry Meister made a motion, seconded by Beth Darnell, recommending revocation of two certifications for an operator. Motion carried.

Class IV applications for Alonzo Waitman and Paul W. Brown (WS) were approved between the August 16, 2012 and September 13, 2012 Council meetings.

**6) Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Terry Meister made a motion, the meeting be adjourned at approximately 2:57 p.m. Tracey Phelps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. Thursday October 18, 2012 in Ohio EPA Conference room B (6<sup>th</sup> floor).

**Council Approved: October 18, 2012**