

**Minutes of the Advisory Board of Examiners  
for Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator  
Certification  
November 18, 2004**

Present for the meeting on November 18th were: Debbie Metz, Chairwoman, Chris Clark, vice-chair, Robert Brown, member; Dail Hollopeter, member; Vui Chung, member; Richard Lorenz, member; Dave Bornino, OEPA, and Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:37 AM. Dail Hollopeter made a motion, seconded by Bob Brown, to approve the minutes of the October 14th, 2004 meeting. Motion carried.

**1. Class IV, Part I**

The Board received notification that the Division of Drinking Water and the Office of Legal Services have reviewed and recommended the following actions related to Part I applications:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>EMPLOYER</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
Kurt Reszegi	City of Cleveland	Water	DDAGW and Office of Legal Services Recommend Approval.

**2. Class IV, Part II (action)**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>EMPLOYER</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
Joe Hart	US Filter	Wastewater	Return for additional information.
James Koch	OMI	Water	Return for additional information.

Chris Clark made a motion, seconded by Vui Chung, to recommend that the Class IV, Part II examinations of Joe Hart and James Koch be returned for additional information in various sections. Motion carried.

**3. Class IV, Part II (in review)**

**WATER**

NAME, LOCATION	KL	CC	VC	RL	DH	DM	BB
Ron Wetzel, Ottawa County Regional WTP	**		**	**		**	
Ken Stoneman, Lake County	**		**	**		**	
John Geller, Heath (only 1 copy)						**	

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 x denotes who has reviewed package

**WASTEWATER**

NAME, LOCATION	KL	CC	VC	RL	DH	DM	BB
Mike Heilman, City of Kenton WWTP	**	**			**		**

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**4. OIT's**

NAME	EXAM TYPE	ACTION
Brian Clark	WW III	Recommend Approval
Lemuel Dryer	WS I	Recommend Approval
Marcia Hintz	WS I	Recommend Approval
Berry McCain	WS II	Recommend Approval
Anthony Miller	WC I	Recommend Approval
Timothy Perry	WC I	Recommend Approval
Jeremy Ray	WW III	Recommend Approval
Daniel Spradlin	WW III	Recommend Approval
Ron Spring	WC I	Recommend Approval
James Stuck	WW I	Recommend Approval
Adolph Woss	WS I	Recommend Approval

Bob Brown made a motion, seconded by Dick Lorenz, to recommend approval of the OIT documentation and recommend the issuance of certificates to all of the above. Chris Clark abstained. Motion carried.

5. **Reciprocity** – Terri L. Rossi – Michigan “L1”- Board recommends denial.

Dail Hollopeter made a motion, seconded by Chris Clark to deny reciprocity based on the fact that Michigan’s L1 certification only covers unaerated lagoon systems. Ohio’s lowest level of certification Class I covers types of treatment other than lagoon systems and is not be equivalent to Michigan’s Class L1. Michigan’s Class D examination should be deemed equivalent to the Ohio Class I and therefore the Board would recommend reciprocity in the future. Motion carried.

6. **Strategic Plan**

The Board continued to discuss potential revisions to the Class IV exam. Bob Ostendorf from the City of Sydney also attended to demonstrate and discuss a proposed excel scoring format. The Board agreed that they would recommend that examinees achieve a grade of at least 70% on each of the 5 proposed question categories.

Exam statistics were reviewed and several questions were thrown out for confusing or incorrect answers. The Board recommended issuing scores once the changes were made.

7. **Other Business**

The Board reviewed OIT extension requests from Jim Cave, Tim Shaver, and Vernon A. Dann. Dail Hollopeter made a motion, seconded by Vui Chung to approve the OIT extensions. Motion carried.

The Board discussed an offer by Stephen Ballou of the Association of Boards of Certification (ABC) to meet with certification programs. Andy indicated that the operator certification unit would likely be accepting the offer and that it could be arranged that the meeting occurred on the date of a Board meeting. The Board agreed that this could be beneficial. Andy will follow up with ABC.

Being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:08 p.m. on Thursday, November 18th, 2004. Bob Brown, motioned, Vui Chung seconded. Motion carried.

**Board Approved: December 16, 2004**