

# Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council

## April 17, 2008

Present for the meeting on Thursday, April 17, 2008 were: Chris Clark, member and chair; Robert Brown, member; Beth Darnell, member; Richard Reed, member; Richard Lorenz, member; Jim Simpson, member; Vui Chung, member; Kirk Leifheit, member; Dave Bornino, Certification Unit; Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Jessica Dingman, Certification Unit; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:28 a.m. Robert Brown made a motion seconded by Richard Reed that the minutes of the March 20, 2008 meeting be approved. Motion carried. Vui Chung and Kirk Leifheit abstained.

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

#### WATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	BD	RL	VC	JS	CC	RR	RB
Verna J. Arnette, Cincinnati	**	**	**	**				
Chad Johnson, Bowling Green resubmittal 4 copies	**	**	**	**				
Jeffrey I. Newcomer, Findlay	**	**	**	**				
Jeff Swertfeger, Cincinnati	**	**	**	**				

#### WASTEWATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	BD	RL	VC	JS	CC	RR	RB
Bryan D. Curry, City of Alliance					**	**	**	**
Terry Meister, NEORSD					**	**	**	**
Bharati Torgalkar, City of North Olmsted					**	**	**	**

**\*\* Denotes who currently has package. "X" Denotes who has reviewed package**

### 2) Class IV Actions

#### WATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Michael Dreger	City of Alliance	WS	Return for additional information
Phillip Farrar resubmittal	City of Clyde	WS	Recommended for approval
Thomas Holloway, resubmittal	Mahoning Valley	WS	Recommended for approval
Kenneth Yee, resubmittal	City of Berea	WS	Recommended for approval

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NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Carline Curry	City of Mansfield	WW	Return for additional information
Kerry Duncan	City of Celina	WW	Return for additional information
Daniel Siler	Cincinnati MSD	WW	Recommended for approval
Gary Squire	Lower Little Miami	WW	Recommended for approval
Donald West	Portage County	WW	Return for additional information
Gregory P. Wilson	City of Jackson	WW	Recommended for approval

At 9:07 a.m., Richard Lorenz made a motion seconded by Vui Chung that the Council enter executive session to discuss examination issues. Motion carried. At 9:31 a.m. Vui Chung made a motion seconded by Richard Lorenz that the Council exit executive session. Motion carried.

Jim Simpson made a motion seconded by Vui Chung, that the examinations from Phillip Farrar, Thomas Holloway, Kenneth Yee, Daniel Siler, Gary Squire, and Gregory P. Wilson be approved and that the examinations from Michael Dreger, Carline Curry, Kerry Duncan and Donald West be returned for additional information. Motion Carried.

### 3) OITs

NAME	EXAM TYPE	ACTION
Auman, Kenneth A.	WW II	Recommended for approval
Barringer, Claud	WD I	Recommended for approval
Bowers, Dustin	WW I	Recommended for approval
Brigham, Aaron	WS I	Recommended for approval
Canfield, Michael	WW I	Recommended for approval
Hall, Gregory	WD II	Return for additional experience
Hesley, Dorianne	WS I	Recommend approval as of 4/23/2008
Johnson, Brian	WSI	Recommended for approval
Leavitt, Michael	WW I	Recommended for approval
Turnbull, Patrick	WS III	Recommended for approval
Van Arnan, Travis	WW I	Recommended for approval

Robert Brown made a motion, seconded by Richard Reed, recommending Kenneth Auman, Claud Barringer, Dustin Bowers, Aaron Brigham, Michael Canfield, Brian Johnson, Michael Leavitt, Patrick Turnbull and Travis Van Arnam be issued certificates; Dorianne Hesley be certified as of 04/23/2008; and that Gregory Hall be advised additional experience is required to be certified. Motion carried.

#### **4) Reciprocity**

The Council discussed a reciprocity application from Phillip M. Garbade, Wastewater Level B certification, South Carolina. The State of South Carolina uses the ABC examinations which have been determined to be comparable to Ohio's Class I Wastewater Treatment examination.

The Council discussed a reciprocity application from Philip L. Loew, who holds industrial Waste Treatment A-2b, A-2D, B-3b from the State of Michigan. Ohio does not have industrial treatment certifications and the State of Michigan would not provide a copy of their exams.

The Council discussed a reciprocity application from Heather LH Seitz, who holds a Wastewater Level I OIT from the State of New Hampshire. The State of New Hampshire would not share a representative examination.

Richard Lorenz made a motion, seconded by Beth Darnell that Phillip M. Garbade be issued an Ohio Class I Wastewater Treatment certification and that Philip Lowe's and Heather Seitz's requests for reciprocity be rejected because representative copies of the examinations could not be obtained. Motion carried.

#### **5) Enforcement**

At 1:51 p.m. Robert Brown made a motion, seconded by Beth Darnell, that the Council move into executive session to discuss enforcement issues. Motion carried. At 2:00 p.m. Vui Chung made a motion, seconded by Kirk Leifheit, that the Council move out of executive session to continue regular business. Motion carried.

#### **6) Other Business**

Andrew Barienbrock provided an update on Task Verification Analysis being conducted by The Ohio State University. Class I and II task verifications have been completed and Class A will be conducted later this month.

Need to Know Criteria were discussed for Wastewater I and Wastewater II.

The Council reviewed a frequently asked question and answer document that has been initiated based on questions being received at the Class IV training sessions.

Robert Brown's term on Council expires June 30, 2008. Council discussed a few individuals whose names were being preliminarily considered for recommendation to the Director. Council brought four additional names and resumes of potential candidates to the meeting for discussion of Robert Brown's replacement. Council would like to invite the new member to attend the June meeting.

The Agency approved Class IV wastewater applications for David O. Brewer and Mark A. Smith and Class IV water applications of William M. Spiers, Randy Moore and Douglas Wagner between the March 2008 and April 2008 Council meetings.

**7) Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Beth Darnell made a motion seconded by Richard Reed, that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 2:27 p.m. on Thursday April 17, 2008. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, May 22, 2008 in Ohio EPA conference room B (6<sup>th</sup> floor).

**Council Approved: May 22, 2008**