

# Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council

## April 21, 2011

Present for the meeting on Thursday, March 17, 2011 were: Vui Chung, member and Chair, Richard Reed, member; Beth Darnell, member; Terry Meister, member; Kim Riddell, member; Verna Arnette, member; Jim Simpson, member; Dave Bornino, member; Mike Gallaway, incoming member; Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Jessica Dingman, Certification Unit; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:05 a.m.

Kim Riddell made a motion, seconded by Beth Darnell, recommending the March 17, 2011 minutes be approved. Motion carried.

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

#### WATER

NAME, LOCATION	DB	BD	VA	VC	MG	KR	RR	TM
Christopher Colasanti, City of Lima 3 <sup>rd</sup> (final) submittal	**	** s	**	**				
Scott Sheppard, City of Marysville 1 <sup>st</sup> submittal	** s	**	**				**	

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

#### WASTEWATER

NAME, LOCATION	DB	BD	VA	VC	MG	KR	RR	TM
Edward Drobina, City of Pickerington 1 <sup>st</sup> submittal		**		**s		**		**
Ralph Fast, City of Washington CH 1 <sup>st</sup> submittal				**		**	**	** s
Jeff Hall, City of Columbus 2 <sup>nd</sup> submittal			**			**	** s	**
Barry Zerkle, City of Sidney, 1 <sup>st</sup> submittal					**	** s	**	**

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### 2) Class IV Actions

#### WATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
Karen Hawkins	City of Fairborn	Return for additional information
Todd E. Hone	City of Celina	Pass
Douglas A. Wagner	City of Oregon	Return for additional information

## WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
Gerry Burris	Montgomery Co	Table until 05/19/2011
Sharon Vaughn	City of Dayton	Table until 05/19/2011

Jim Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dave Bornino, recommending the examination of Todd Hone be approved; the examinations of Karen Hawkins, and Douglas Wagner be returned for additional information and the examinations of Gerry Burris and Sharon Vaughn be tabled until the next meeting. Motion carried.

### 3) OITs

NAME	EXAM	LOCATION	ACTION
Bates, Kevin W.	WC 2	Muskingum Co. Sewer	Recommend Approval
Bevilacqua, Kevin T.	WD 2	City of Ravenna	Recommend Approval
Cribbet, Kyle D.	WW 2	Village of Williamsburg	Recommend Approval
Fry, Richard B.	WS A	R&K Properties	Recommend Approval
Graham, James R.	WW 2	City of Bowling Green	Recommend Approval
Hacker, Glen V.	WS 1	Village of Johnstown	Recommend Approval
Haggard, Brian K.	WS 1	Cincinnati Water Wks	Pending receipt of originals
Hall, David R.	WS 2	City of Mt. Vernon	Recommend Approval
Hartzler, Nolan R.	WS A	Holmes-Wayne Electric	Recommend Approval
Heaken Jr, Samuel R.	WD 2	City of Youngstown	Recommend Approval
Pollock, Walter W.	WW 1	Delaware County	Recommend Approval
Rehart II, Jerry R.	WS 1	Burr Oak Regional Water	Recommend Approval
Spenser, Brian A.	WS A	Holmes-Wayne Electric	Pending receipt of originals
Stookey, Nakia M.	WS 1	City of Sandusky	Recommend Approval
Tulloss, William R.	WS 1	Dublin Pump Co.	Recommend Approval

Jim Simpson made a motion, seconded by Kim Riddell, recommending the certifications of Brian Haggard and Brian Spenser be held for original signatures and the other listed operators be approved. Motion carried. Verna Arnette abstained

### 4) Extensions

Patrick L. Antonelli, formerly City of Dover, requested an extension to submit his Wastewater Treatment Class IV examination. His examination is due April 30, 2011. This will be his second submittal.

David L. Beach, City of Findlay requested an extension to submit his Wastewater Treatment Class IV examination. His examination is due May 31, 2011. This will be his first submittal.

Lon M. Shank, City of Fostoria, requested an extension to submit his Wastewater Treatment Class IV examination. His examination is due April 30, 2011. This will be his third submittal.

Jim Simpson made a motion, seconded by Terry Meister, recommending an extension until December 31, 2011 for Patrick Antonelli and Lon Shank and an extension until May 31, 2012 for David L. Beach. Motion carried.

#### **5) Course Relevance**

Pesticides – Commercial Applications. Jim Simpson made a motion, seconded by Kim Riddell, recommending denial of course approval for lack of relevance to operation of Water and Wastewater treatment plants. Motion carried.

#### **6) Reciprocity**

Tina Pearson has held a Wastewater Grade IV certification in the State of California since February 2, 2004. The State of California uses examinations similar to the sample questions posted on their Website for Grade IV certifications but would not share a representative examination with Council.

Monica Sowders has held Wastewater Class B and Water Class B certifications in the state of Colorado since May 19, 2010. The State of Colorado uses ABC Class 3 examinations for Level B certifications. Council has previously determined the ABC Class 3 examinations are equivalent to Ohio's Class 1 Water Supply and Class I Wastewater Treatment examinations.

Jim Simpson made a motion seconded by Beth Darnell recommending Ms. Pearson's request be denied and Ms. Sowders be granted a Class 1 Wastewater Treatment certification and a Class 1 Water Supply certification. Motion carried.

#### **7) Enforcement**

At approximately 1:50 p.m. Jim Simpson made a motion seconded by Verna Arnette to move into executive session to discuss enforcement issues. Motion carried.

At approximately 2:13 p.m. Jim Simpson made a motion seconded by Richard Reed to move out of executive session. Motion carried.

#### **8) Other Business**

A Class IV information presentation was provided for eight participants. After the presentation, participants were given the opportunity to ask questions of Council members, then invited to review previously approved Class IV examinations.

Mike Gallaway of the Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, Central District Office was introduced as the replacement for Jim Simpson who retires April 29, 2011.

Thomas P. Hinson, City of Delaware, met with Council to discuss the Council's request for additional information. Mr. Hinson wanted to clarify the topics Council wished to see discussed in his final submittal of the Class IV Water Supply examination. His revisions will be due August 30, 2011.

Class IV applications for Jeffery S. Lamson, City of Fremont, Robert S. Canter, Rocky Fork Lake (WW) and Dean A. Reynolds, City of Alliance (WS) were approved between the March and April, 2011 Council meetings.

The Council recognized Jim Simpson's service, both as a Council member and as an Ohio EPA employee. A thank you letter from Director Nally was read and given to Mr. Simpson.

**9) Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Jim Simpson made a motion, seconded by Terry Meister, that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 2:23 p.m. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. Thursday May 19, 2011 in Ohio EPA Conference room B (6<sup>th</sup> floor).

**Council Approved: May 19, 2011**