

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council

June 19, 2008

Present for the meeting on Thursday, June 19, 2008 were: Chris Clark, member and chair; Robert Brown, member; Richard Reed, member; Richard Lorenz, member; Vui Chung, member; Jim Simpson, member; Beth Darnell, member; Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Jessica Dingman, Certification Unit. Kirk Leifheit, member, arrived at 8:42 a.m and Dave Bornino, Certification Unit arrived at 8:47 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:38 a.m. Chris Clark welcomed visitor Terry Meister. Introductions were made and the workings of the Council were explained briefly for the benefit of Mr. Meister. The Director has selected Mr. Meister to replace Robert Brown at the next Council meeting. Richard Lorenz made a motion seconded by Robert Brown that the minutes of the May 22, 2008 meeting be approved with minor corrections. Motion carried. Kirk Leifheit was not present for the vote.

1) Class IV, Examinations (In review)

WATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	BD	RL	VC	JS	CC	RR	RB
James R. Barnette, City of Columbus	**	**	**	**				
James L. Six, City of Akron resubmittal 4 copies	**	**	**	**				

WASTEWATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	BD	RL	VC	JS	CC	RR	RB
Jesse T. Troy, City of Youngstown resubmittal 4 copies					**	**	**	

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

2) Class IV Actions

WATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Chad Johnson	Bowling Green	WS	Council will take no action. The agency will request a meeting.
Jeffrey Newcomer	Findlay	WS	Return for additional information

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NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Barbara Anne Browne	Cincinnati MSD	WW	Request that she attend the next Council meeting
Tracy McPheron	City of Lima	WW	Return for additional information
Thomas Mirante III	Youngstown	WW	Recommend for approval

Richard Reed made a motion seconded by Jim Simpson, that the examination from Thomas S. Mirante III be approved; the examinations from Jeffrey Newcomer, and Tracy McPheron be returned for additional information; Barbara Anne Browne be requested to attend the next Council meeting; and the Council will take no action on the examination of Chad Johnson, as the Agency will be requesting a meeting. Motion Carried.

3) OITs

NAME	EXAM TYPE	ACTION
Alspaugh, Brad	WS I	Recommended for approval
Best, John	WS I	Recommended for approval
Bock, Cheryl	WW III	Recommended for approval
Bozsoki, Linda	WS I	Recommended for approval
Estep, James	WS I	Recommended for approval
Giere, Corey	WS II	Recommended for approval
Hall, Gregory	WD II	Recommended for approval 7/15/2008
Hinton, Joseph	WS I	Recommended for approval
Kellner, Abraham	WC I	Recommended for approval
Lindsay, Terry	WS I	Recommended for approval
Mc Grain, Tom	WW I	Recommended for approval
Miller, Johnathon	WS I	Recommended for approval
Rininger, Bruce	WS I	Recommended for approval
Roberts, Brian	WS III	Recommended for approval
Rudolph, David	WS I	Recommended for approval
Sadzewicz, Walter	WS II	Recommended for approval
Simmers, Kevin	WD I	Recommended for approval
Stout, William	WS II	Recommended for approval
Stull, Kimberly	WW I	Recommended for approval
Zonin, Aaron	WC II	Recommended for approval

Kirk Leifheit made a motion, seconded by Richard Lorenz, recommending John Best, Brad Alspaugh, Cheryl Bock, Linda Bozsoki, James Estep, Corey Giere, Joseph Hinton, Abraham Kellner, Terry Lindsay, Tom McGrain, Johnathon Miller, Bruce Rininger, Brian Roberts, David Rudolph, Walter Sadzewicz, Kevin Simmers, William Stout, Kimberly Stull and Aaron Zonin be issued certificates and that Gregory Hall be issued his certificate on July 15, 2008. Motion carried.

4) **Extension**

Vui Chung made a motion, seconded by Beth Darnell, that Joseph F. Paris, Mahoning Valley Sanitary District, be granted a one year extension until June 30, 2009 to submit his Class IV Water Supply examination. Motion carried.

5) **Reciprocity**

The Council discussed a reciprocity application from Robert D. Cassida, Wastewater Level B certification, Pennsylvania. The State of Pennsylvania uses the Association of Boards of Certification (ABC) examinations. Pennsylvania's Class B examination is based upon ABC's Class III examination which has been determined to be comparable to Ohio's Class I Wastewater Treatment examination.

Robert Brown made a motion, seconded by Richard Lorenz, that Robert Cassida be issued an Ohio Class I Wastewater Treatment certification upon submission of proof of employment in Ohio and payment of appropriate fees. Motion Carried.

6) **Course Approvals**

The council reviewed the following course for relevance: **Ohio Safe Boating Course** from The City of Toledo. After reviewing and discussing the course information, Robert Brown made a motion, seconded by Kirk Leifheit, recommending that the course be approved for both water and wastewater based upon the explanations provided. Motion carried.

7) **Other Business**

The Operator Certification Unit held the May 2008 examination review sessions on Wednesday June 11, 2008 and Friday June 13, 2008. There was a challenge to question number nine on the Wastewater Treatment Class II examination. After review of the question and reference materials, Kirk Leifheit made a motion, seconded by Richard Reed to accept the answer "E; None of the Above" as a correct answer. There was discussion on the motion and a vote was called. There were 5 yes votes and 3 no votes. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a request from Terry Stockelman to allow him the opportunity to renew his Class III Wastewater Treatment certificate that expired December 31, 2005. The Council recognized this to be an Agency matter. The Agency will respond to Mr. Stockelman. The requirements for certification renewal are contained in the rules and the Council does not have the authority to waive rules.

The Council reviewed examination questions submitted by Rick Smith. The Council members will continue to review the questions and make modifications so they may be accepted to the Agency's examination question bank.

Andrew Barienbrock informed the Council of a data upload error for the Class I Wastewater Treatment examination scores. This error affected 27 people; 14 people received a letter stating they failed the examination when they had in fact passed and 13 people received a letter stating they passed when they had in fact failed. Andrew Barienbrock called each of these people and letters of correction are being mailed. The

negatively affected individuals have been offered an opportunity to review their exams and will be allowed to take the November 2008 or May 2009 Class I Wastewater Treatment examination at no cost.

Robert Brown was recognized for his dedicated service to the Council. He was presented with a plaque and letter from the Director in recognition of his service.

There were no Class IV water or wastewater applications approved between the May 2008 and June 2008 Council meetings.

7) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Robert Brown made a motion seconded by Chris Clark, that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 10:54 a.m. on Thursday June 19, 2008. Motion carried. The next meeting was rescheduled for 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 16, 2008 in Ohio EPA conference room B (6th floor).

Council Approved: July 16, 2008