

Operator certification advisory council.

- (A) The director shall appoint an operator certification advisory council consisting of eight members as set forth in this rule.
- (1) Two members shall be employees of the Ohio environmental protection agency. One member shall be from the drinking water program and one from the surface water program.
 - (2) Two members shall hold valid class III or class IV public water system operator certifications and be actively employed by public water systems at the time of appointment.
 - (3) Two members shall hold valid class III or class IV wastewater works operator certifications and be actively employed by wastewater works at the time of appointment.
 - (4) Two members shall be registered professional engineers who are actively employed in the field of sanitary or environmental engineering at the time of appointment.
 - (5) Except for the two agency members, no two council members shall be employed by the same entity.
- (B) Members of the council shall be appointed for a term not to exceed five years and shall not serve longer than two consecutive terms, except as allowed in paragraph (C) of this rule.
- (C) Any vacancy occurring on the council shall be filled by the director's appointment of a member for the balance of the unexpired term. A council member appointed for the balance of an unexpired term may be appointed for up to two additional consecutive full terms.
- (D) The council meetings shall be administered by the members of the agency.
- (E) Terms of appointment pursuant to this rule shall expire on a staggered schedule as follows:
- (1) The two members who are employees of the agency shall have terms that expire on the thirtieth of June in a year with four or nine as its unit digit.
 - (2) The two members who are employed by public water systems shall have terms that expire on the thirtieth of June in a year with zero or five as

the unit digit for one member and in a year with two or seven as the unit digit for the other member.

(3) The two members who are employed by treatment works shall have terms that expire on the thirtieth of June in a year with one or six as the unit digit for one member and in a year with three or eight as the unit digit for the other member.

(4) The two members who are actively employed as sanitary or environmental engineers shall have terms that expire on the thirtieth of June in a year with two or seven as the unit digit for one member and in a year with three or eight as the unit digit for the other member.

(F) Council members shall be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses related to council activities.

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