

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council

February 16, 2017

The Advisory Council met on Thursday, February 16, 2017. Members attending were: Richard Reed, member and chairman; Tracey Phelps, member; Scott Foster, member; Mark Verbsky, member; William Bowers, member; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit; Tanushree Courlas, Certification Unit; Kevin Jarrell, Certification Unit; Andy Barienbrock, OR&C.

At approximately 9:05 a.m., the Advisory Council meeting was called to order in EPA Conference Room B.

After a review of the Council minutes for the January 19, 2017 meeting, Scott Foster made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Tracey Phelps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

1) Class IV, Examinations (In review)

Water

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| Michael T. Fields, City of Bowling Green 3 rd (final) submittal, 4 copies | **s | ** | **m | **m | | | | |
| Valerie A. Meyers, City of Warren 1 st submittal, 4 copies | ** | ** | **m | **s m | | | | |

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Wastewater

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| Eric S. MacMichael, City of Bellevue 2 nd submittal, 4 copies | | | | | ** | ** | ** | **s m |

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2) Class IV Actions

WATER

| NAME | EMPLOYER | ACTION |
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| No Class IV exams were Distributed 1/19/2017 | | |

WASTEWATER

| NAME | EMPLOYER | ACTION |
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| Robert D. Martin | City of Oregon | Return for additional information |
| Gerald W. Ondo | Lake Co. Utilities | Recommended passing. |

Mark Verbsky made a motion to recommend returning the examinations of David Robert D. Martin for additional information and recommended passing Gerald W. Ondo. William Bowers seconded the motion.

3) Extensions

Brian Starr requested an extension to submit his Class IV Water Supply examination which is due March 30, 2017. Mark Verbsky recommended granting Mr. Starr a one year extension to submit his Class IV examination. Tracey Phelps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4) Reciprocity

Robert F. Jeffers has held a Class 1 Wastewater certification with the State of West Virginia since October 16, 2014. West Virginia's Class 1 is the lowest level of Wastewater certification and Class 4 is the highest. To obtain a Class 1 Wastewater certification, West Virginia requires working one year as an OIT, taking a week-long course, and passing the examination. In April, 2015, Council reviewed a representative Class 1 Wastewater examination provided by the State of West Virginia and determined it to be equivalent to Ohio's Class 1 Wastewater Treatment examination. Mr. Jeffers is currently employed with Gallia County (Ohio) Local Schools.

Mark Verbsky made a motion to grant Mr. Jeffers a Class 1 Wastewater Treatment certification as he has met the requirements and is currently employed in the State of Ohio. Scott Foster seconded the motion. Motion carried.

West Virginia provided a copy of their Wastewater Class S examination for Council's review. Council has not reviewed that examination previously.

Mark Verbsky made a motion to approve West Virginia Wastewater Class S certification as equivalent to Ohio's Class A Wastewater exam. Tracey Phelps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5) Certifications Issued

Forty-One Third Party Exam, Reciprocity and Operator-in-Training (OIT) applications were approved between January 18, 2017 and February 13, 2017. Certificates were issued to: Iven L. Alexander (WD2); Patrick R. Arter (WW2); Chad M. Beyer (WD1); Robert Blake (WC2); Aaron G. Brigham (WC2 and WS2); Brian J. Burns (WW1); Kasey M. Carlisle (WW3 and WS2); Douglas E. Dietzel (WW3); Daniel James Engelhardt (WW1); Luke A. Frankboner (WS1); David R. Good (WC2); Stewart E. Graf (WW1); Joseph G. Haines, III (WW1); Joshua D. Harper (WW3); Michael Heacock (WS2); Robert G. Henry (WD2); Nathan Lacey (WW1); Randolph A. Lundstrom (WWA); Larry L. Mabbitt (WS1); John J. Mentges (WC1); Samuel A. Miller (WW2); Clay A. Moore (WD1); John D. Morfchak (WW2); Travis L. Osting (WSA); Mathew P. Otto (WS1); Kenneth M. Phillips (WW1 and WS2); Alan J. Rogers (WW1); Spencer R. Rudd (WW1); Adam M. Sackenheim (WS3); Aaron J. Schwarz (WW1); Jonathan R. Seiber (WD2); Brett M. Shepherd (WD1); Richard C. Spencer (WS1); Patrick Stitts (WD1); Christopher T. Smith (WD1); David N. Stouffer (WD1); Jason C. Wagner (WS2); Thomas M. Woods III (WD2).

6) Other Business

According to Ohio EPA's records, ABC gave 95 Ohio water and wastewater exams in January, 2017.

Tanushree Courlas gave an update on the eBusiness program.

Between the January 19, 2017 and February 16, 2017 Council meetings, Class IV application were approved for Brian E. Arledge, Green County, (WW); Kimberly M. Brown, City of Columbus, (WW); Frank J. McKeon, City of Painesville, (WS); Tim Newland, City of Bellefontaine, (WS); and Todd A. Smith, City of Oregon, (WW).

At 9:35 a.m. Mark Verbsky made a motion to move into executive session to discuss the investigation of charges or complaints against licensees or regulated individuals. Scott Foster seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 10:08 a.m. Scott Foster made a motion to move out of executive session. Tracey Phelps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 10:27 a.m. Mark Verbsky made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tracey Phelps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next Advisory Council meeting will be held Thursday, March 16, 2017, in Ohio EPA Conference Room B at 9:00 a.m. A Class IV presentation will be held in Conference Room A at 9:00 a.m.

Council Approved: May 11, 2017