

# Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council

## March 16, 2017

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

The Class IV presentation began at 9:05 a.m. in EPA Conference Room A. Thirteen operators attended the presentation, Kevin Aiken, Brad Blankenship, Matthew Boham, Kathryn Crestani, Brian Flanagan, Douglas Frye, Terry Hammons, Joseph LoDuca, Patricia Lovely, Fred Milan, Travis Pitts, Richard Soltis, and Brett Young. All participants remained to review exemplary Class IV examinations after the presentation.

At approximately 10.35 a.m., the Advisory Council meeting was called to order in EPA Conference Room B.

Review of the Council minutes for the February 16, 2017 meeting, was tabled until the April 20, 2017 meeting.

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

#### Water

| NAME, LOCATION  | MV  | WB | VA | TJ | SF | TP | RR | TM |
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| Yann A. LeGouellec, GCWW<br>1 <sup>st</sup> submittal, 4 copies | **s | ** |    | ** |    |    |    | ** |

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

"m" Denotes mailed.

#### Wastewater

| NAME, LOCATION  | MV | WB | VA | TJ | SF | TP  | RR | TM  |
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| Michael J. Melnyk, Lake County<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> (final) submittal, 4 copies |    |    |    |    | ** | **m | ** | **s |

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### 2) Class IV Actions

#### WATER

| NAME               | EMPLOYER              | ACTION  |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Michell T. Fields, | City of Bowling Green | Recommend passing pending final comments from all Council members |
| Valerie A. Meyers  | City of Warren        | Return for additional information                                 |

#### WASTEWATER

| NAME            | EMPLOYER         | ACTION   |
|-----------------|------------------|--|
| Eric MacMichael | City of Bellevue | Return for additional information and meeting requested by Council |

Mark Verbsky made a motion to recommend passing Michael Fields pending the final comments from all Council members reviewing his examination; returning the examination of Valerie Meyers for additional information and requesting Eric MacMichael meet with Council on April 20, 2017. Scott Foster seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### 3) Extensions

There were no extension requests received between the February 16, 2017 and March 16, 2017 meetings.

### 4) Reciprocity

**Michael S. Weber** has held a Wastewater Treatment Class 4A with the State of New York since August 31, 2016. New York's lowest wastewater certification is a Class 1 and the Class 4A is the highest certification. To obtain a Class 4A certification, New York requires a high school diploma and two years of experience at a Grade 4A facility plus six years of experience at any grade wastewater plant. Mr. Weber passed a standardized ABC examination to become certified in New York. His Wastewater Treatment Class 4A certification is valid until September 1, 2021. Council has previously determined New York's Class 4A certification as equivalent to Ohio's Class 3 Wastewater Treatment certification.

**Margaret Paul** has held a Class F-3 Waterworks System certification with the State of Michigan since 05/07/2009. Michigan's lowest level of certification is F-5 and the F-1 is the highest certification. To become certified at the F-3 level of certification, the applicant must hold a high school diploma and have 15 months' full time experience at a surface water plant. Her F-3 Waterworks is valid through October 15, 2018. Council has previously determined Michigan's F-3 Waterworks certification to be equivalent to Ohio's Class 3 Water Supply Certification.

**Kimberly Corman Ferris** has held a Class 3 Wastewater Treatment certification with the State of Kentucky since December 4, 2003 and the certification is valid through June 30, 2017. Kentucky requires the operator to pass a written examination. Council has previously reviewed Kentucky's exams and determined the Class 3 Wastewater Treatment examination is equivalent to Ohio's Class 2 Wastewater Treatment examination.

**Brock McCracken** has held a Class II Public Water System certification with the state of West Virginia since April 11, 2011 and the certification is valid through April 30, 2017. In April, 2015, Council reviewed a representative Class II Public Water System examination provided by the State of West Virginia and determined it to be equivalent to Ohio's Class 2 Water Supply examination.

**Jason Rice** has held a Wastewater Treatment Class 2 certification with the state of West Virginia since July 18, 2006 and the certification is valid through November 30, 2018. West Virginia requires 4,000 hours certified experience at a Class 1 or higher facility to become certified at a Class 2 level. In April, 2015, Council reviewed a representative Class II Wastewater examination provided by the State of West Virginia and determined it to be equivalent to Ohio's Class 1 Wastewater Treatment examination.

Scott Foster made a motion to grant Michael Weber a Class 3 Wastewater treatment certification; Margaret Paul a Class 3 Water Supply certification; Kimberly Corman Ferris a

Class 2 Wastewater Treatment certification; Brock McCracken a Class 2 Water Supply and Jason Rice a Class 1 Wastewater Treatment certification all contingent upon maintaining valid certification in their current states until they provide proof of employment in the State of Ohio. Mark Verbsky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **5) Certifications Issued**

Sixty-nine Third Party Exam, Reciprocity and Operator-in-Training (OIT) applications were approved between February 14, 2017 and March 14, 2017. Certificates were issued to: Dale R. Abbott (WW1); Jeffrey L. Addicott (WW1); Dan W. Ankney (WS1); Chad M. Aubihl (WS1); Mike S. Baia (WD1); Michael B. Besecker (WC1); Don W. Bieri (WWA); James D. Boggs (WS1); Nicholas B. Borer (WW2); Patrick W. Burgert (WW1); Randal C. Christian (WC1); Rick D. Combs (WW1); Dave W. Counotte (WD1); David Daniel (WS1); Ronald C. Dimmerling (WS1); Michael S. Dryhurst (WS1); James R. Dunning (WS2); Kent E. Fogt (WC1); Jason T. Galitza (WS2); Michael D. Gamble (WWA); Robert L. Geiser (WS1); Michelle L. Gilford (WS3); Vincent J. Goddard (WD1); Ryan L. Gray (WD1); Matthew C. Greene (WWA); Charlie W. Grisel (WD2); Brandon R. Hancock (WS1); Daryl W. Hart (WSA); James R. Hurdiss (WSA); Ricky T. Ireland (WS1); Robert (Bobby) Jeffers (WW1); Brock V. Jurjavcic (WW1); Kelly Jutte (WS2); Alexander S. Kern (WD1); Peter J. Knecht (WD1); Kameron A. Kuhl, Jr. (WS2); Aaron J. Lanigan (WW1); Christopher L. Lavery (WW1); Jason P. Leavitt (WSA); Michael J. Litteral (WS1); Scott Meister (WD1); Marc Mills (WW2); Logan M. Mirman (WD1); Carl J. Moore (WW2); Gregory J. Mosher (WS3); Darrin L. Mumaw (WD1); Gerald W. Ondo, Jr. (WW4); Gary B. Onesko (WS1); Kevin Polachek (WW1); James A. Polcar (WC2); Timothy W. Price (WD2); Carol E. Prior (WS1); Daniel J. Reed (WD1); Tony Roemmele (WW1); Alan Rose (WW1); Terry J. Ruggerie (WS1); Jamie L. Schnuth (WS1); Kenneth D. Staley (WW1); Raymond T. Stelmaszak (WS1); Jeffery A. Taylor (WS1); Lonnie J. Thomas (WS1); Jacob Tracey (WW1); Patrick A. Valentine (WS2); Victoria M. Vara (WS2); Keven W. Wakeley (WS1); Timothy Williams (WS1); Gabriel A. Wise (WC1); Michael D. Wolfcale (WW1); Michael J. Wright (WW1).

## **6) Other Business**

According to Ohio EPA's records, ABC gave 108 Ohio water and wastewater exams in February, 2017.

Tanushree Courlas reminded Council members of the upcoming traditional exams being given at the State Fairgrounds on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. Proctors are always needed.

Between the February 16, 2017 and March 16, 2017 Council meetings, Class IV application were approved for William J. Collins, Lucas County, (WW); Kathryn Crestani, NEORSD (WW); Patricia J. Lovely, City of Middletown, (WW); Anthony M. Rivers, Aqua Ohio (WS); Danine M. Schultz, City of Painesville, (WS); and Brett D. Young, City of Findlay, (WS).

At 11:16 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. Tom Jedlinsky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 11:28 a.m. Scott Foster made a motion to move out of executive session. William Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 11:33 a.m. Mark Verbsky made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terry Meister seconded

the motion. Motion carried.

The next Advisory Council meeting will be held Thursday, April 20, 2017, in Ohio EPA Conference Room B at 9:00 a.m.

**Council Approved: April 20, 2017**