

# Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council

## July 21, 2016

The Advisory Council met on Thursday, July 21, 2016. Members attending were: Richard Reed, member and chairman; Tom Jedlinsky, member; Verna Arnette, member; Terry Meister, member; Tracey Phelps, member; Beth Darnell, member; Mark Verbsky, member; Scott Foster, member; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit; Nush Courlas, Certification Unit; Andy Barienbrock, OR&C.

The Council meeting was called to order at approximately 9:11 a.m. in EPA Conference Room B.

After a review of the Council minutes for the June 23, 2016 meeting, Mark Verbsky made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Terry Meister seconded the motion. Motion carried. Beth Darnell abstained.

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

#### Water

NAME, LOCATION	MV	BD	VA	TJ	SF	TP	RR	TM
Gregory K. Yuronich, City of Avon Lake 1 <sup>st</sup> Submittal, 4 copies	**	**	**	**s				

#### Wastewater

NAME, LOCATION	MV	BD	VA	TJ	SF	TP	RR	TM
Eric Wayne Haddix, Warren County 1 <sup>st</sup> Submittal, 4 copies					**	**s	**	**
Jeffrey S. Blair, Clark County 1 <sup>st</sup> Submittal, 4 copies					**	**	**s	**
Mirko Kucinic, City of Lakewood 1 <sup>st</sup> Submittal, 4 copies					**	**	**	**s
Gerald W. Ondo, Jr., Lake County 1 <sup>st</sup> Submittal, 4 copies					**s	**	**	**

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

### 2) Class IV Actions

#### WATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
No Class IVs distributed in June, 2016		

#### WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
No Class IVs distributed in June, 2016		

### **3) Extensions**

James Blevins, City of Dayton, requested an extension to complete his Class IV Water Supply examination. His request was received on July 12, 2016. His Class IV was due on July 20, 2016. This is his first extension request.

Mike Melnyk, City of Mentor, requested an extension to complete the 3<sup>rd</sup> submittal of his Class IV Wastewater Treatment examination. His request was received on July 19, 2016. His 3<sup>rd</sup> submittal is due on August 30, 2016. Mr. Melnyk's first submittal was originally due May 30, 2014; Council gave him a one-year extension until May 30, 2015 to submit his Class IV. His first two submittals have been received in a timely manner.

Terry Meister made a motion to grant Mr. Blevins a one-year extension and Mr. Melnyk a six-month extension. Scott Foster seconded the motion. Motion carried

### **4) Reciprocity**

No reciprocity applications were received between the June 23, 2016 and July 21, 2016 Council meetings.

### **5) Certifications Issued**

Third Party Exam, Reciprocity and Operator-in-Training (OIT) applications approved between the June 23, 2016 and July 21, 2016 Council meetings were: Michael J. Berry (WW2); Cody M. Bower (WW2); Patrick W. Boyles (WS2); Timothy Collins (WWA); Steven Couch (WS1); Clifford Davis (WS1); Eric A. Dean (WS1); Jack J. Evans (WS2); Mark D. Figley, (WW2); Jason Fritsch (WS1); Kevin M. Granfors (WC2); Christopher Hill (WW1); Robert A. Mancini (WD1); Christopher J. Martin (WS2); Jarod Leroy Ramage, (WW2); Devin Robinson (WD1); Christopher Ronski (WW1); Jonathan Sedely (WS2); Brian Wilson (WW1).

### **6) Other Business**

Council reviewed additional examination questions pertaining to the Revised Total Coliform Rule which became effective in April 1, 2016. Beth Darnell made a motion to include the additional questions in the banks of questions for Water Supply and Distribution Class A, 1, 2, and 3 exams. Tracey Phelps seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mark Verbsky abstained.

Nush Courlas provided an update on Operator Certification. Approximately 900 parties took the Ohio EPA program water and wastewater exams thru the third party examination provider in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. The number of applications for the traditional (pencil/paper) exams has been declining. We will be re-considering the length of exams, the division of exam sites and other possibilities in the future.

Nush discussed the eBusiness center activities for both training providers and operators. Operators will be able to begin using the eBusiness center to renew their certifications on August 1, 2016. She also answered questions about the actual eBusiness processes which are different from the previous procedures.

Between the June 23, 2016 and July 21, 2016 Council meetings, Class IV applications were approved for the following: Darius P. Johnson (WS); Allen L. Jones (WS); Leon E. Smith, (WW); Giles C. Thrift (WW).

At 10:15 a.m. Tracey Phelps made a motion to move into executive session. Tom Jedlinsky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 10:42 a.m. Beth Darnell made a motion to move out of executive session. Mark Verbsky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 10:45 a.m. Scott Foster made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Beth Darnell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next Council meeting will be held Thursday, August 18, 2016, in Ohio EPA Conference Room B at 9:00 a.m.

**Council Approved: August 18, 2016**