

# Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council

## September 21, 2017

The Advisory Council met on Thursday, September 21, 2017. Members attending were: Terry Meister, member and chairman; Verna Arnette, member; William Bowers; Mark Verbsky, member; Tom Jedlinsky, member; Marco Deshaies, member; James Gellner, member; Tracey Phelps; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit; Tanushree Courlas, Certification Unit; Kevin Jarrell, Certification Unit; Andy Barienbrock, OR&C.

A Class IV presentation began at 9:15 a.m. in Conference Room A and was attended by Shawn Kirkbride, Cory Smith, Jonathan Price, Jeremy Ray, Yarnell Marshall, and Neuronsy Adams.

At 10:44 a.m., the Advisory Council meeting was called to order in Ohio EPA Conference Room B.

After a review of the Council minutes for the August 17, 2017 meeting, Mark Verbsky made a motion to approve the minutes. Marco Deshaies seconded the motion. Motion carried. Tracey Phelps abstained.

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

#### Water

NAME, LOCATION	MV	WB	VA	TJ	MD	TP	JG	TM
Valerie A. Meyers, City of Warren 2 <sup>nd</sup> submittal, recd. 9/8/2017	**s	**	**	**				

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

#### Wastewater

NAME, LOCATION	MV	WB	VA	TJ	MD	TP	JG	TM
No Class IV WW exams were distributed 9/21/2017								

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### 2) Class IV Actions

#### WATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
No Class IV water exams were distributed 8/17/17		

#### WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
Christopher M. Zdinak	Cincinnati MSD	Recommend returning for additional information

Jamie Gellner made a motion to return the examination of Christopher Zdinak for additional information. Marco Deshaies seconded the motion. Motion carried. Verna Arnette abstained.

### 3) Extensions

Clint M Krendick, Akron, Ohio has requested an extension to submit his Class IV Wastewater Treatment examination. His Class IV is due on October 30, 2017. He has not requested an extension previously.

Tom Jedlinsky recommended granting Mr. Krendick an extension until October 30, 2018, to submit his Class IV examination. Tracey Phelps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### 4) Reciprocity

Alex Bishop has held an Wastewater Treatment Class 2 certification with the State of Illinois since November 2, 2016. Class 4 is the lowest and Class 1 is the highest level of certification. Illinois does not use ABC exams and is unwilling to share a representative copy of the examination taken by Mr. Bishop.

Shawn Bonine was issued a Ground Water Class C certification with the State of Texas on July 23, 2014. The certification expired July 7, 2017. Class D is the lowest and Class A is the highest. Mr. Bonine passed a written examination but Texas is unwilling to share a representative copy of the examination taken by Mr. Bonine.

Brian K. Young has held a Water Supply Class A with the State of Minnesota since May 10, 2004. His certification is valid thru May 31, 2019. Class E is the lowest and Class A is the highest level of certification. Mr. Young became certified in Minnesota thru reciprocity at a Class B level and with an exam at a Class A level.

Mark Verbsky made a motion to deny reciprocity for Alex Bishop and Shawn Bonine and table Brian Young's request pending a request for additional information from Minnesota. William Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### 5) Certifications Issued

**Forty-Nine Third Party Exam, Reciprocity and Operator-in-Training (OIT) applications were approved between August 13, 2017 and September 17, 2017.** Certificates were issued to: Mason J. Bader (WS1); Shane R. Biss (WC2); Craig A. Bodenmiller (WS3); Elizabeth M. Buening (WW1); Daniel Carlson (WD1); Jay C. Carter (WC1); John M. Christenson (WW2 & WS2); Wes Davis (WW1); John S. Diemert (WS3); Brian A. Faruki (WS2); Nicholas B. Fill (WS1); Matthew Fleming (WS1); Jeffrey R. Fluharty (WD1); Emma S. Fox (WS2); Kevin J. Garofalo (WD1); Jeffrey L. Goerndt (WW1); Robert D. Hegfield (WW1); Randall J. Holman (WWA); Steve James, (WD1); Dylan R. Jeffries (WD1); Richard G. Johnson (WS2); Brian J. Kish (WW1 & WS1); Jason L. Laboda (WS2); Zoltan G. Lapat (WS1); Garret Long (WS1); Freddie A. Lore (WS2); Gabriel W. Lung (WW1); Dustan E. Marshall (WS3); Jason H. McNeal (WD1); Charles S. McNew (WW2); William C. McVey (WD1); Andrew P. Osterman (WD1); Ralph M. Pasterak (WS2); Adam J. Peters (WS2); Christopher Reiley (WD1); Mark A. Rhoades (WW2); Michael L. Ritter, Jr. (WW2); Nicholas J. Ruetz (WD1); Philip J. Sackenheim (WS2); Kevin L. Shumway (WS1); Ivan Soto (WS1); Brian T. Spence (WS1); Brent M. Stoll (WW2); Sherr Vue (WW2); Chad D. Wehrley (WD1); John C. White (WW3); Nicholas Zimmerman (WS2).

## 6) Other Business

Tanushree Courlas and Andy Barienbrock provided updated information about the status of the proposed Operator Certification Rules and a recent ABC Webinar. The Operator Certification Unit will be providing Webinars about using the eBusiness system. Class IV exam applications will be added to the eBusiness system in the near future.

According to Ohio EPA's records, ABC gave 123 Ohio water and wastewater exams in August 2017.

Between the August 17, 2017 and September 21 Council meetings, a Class IV application as approved for Joseph J. LoDuca, Lake County, (WS).

At 11:42 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 12:05 p.m. Tracey Phelps made a motion to move out of executive session. Verna Arnette seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 12:13 p.m. Tracey Phelps made a motion to adjourn the meeting. William Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next Advisory Council meeting will be held Thursday, October 19, 2017.

**Council Approved: October 19, 2017**