

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council

October 20, 2016

The Advisory Council met on Thursday, October 20, 2016. Members attending were: Richard Reed, member and chairman; Beth Darnell, member; Tom Jedlinsky, member; Terry Meister, member; Tracey Phelps, member; Verna Arnette, member; Scott Foster, member; Mark Verbsky, member; Nush Courlas, Certification Unit; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit; Kevin Jarrell, Certification Unit; Andy Barienbrock, OR&C.

David Guran requested to attend the Council meeting. He arrived at 9:10 a.m. and stayed until Council entered executive session at 10:55 a.m.

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 September 15, 2016 meeting, Scott Foster made a motion to approve the minutes. Terry Meister seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mark Verbsky and Verna Arnette abstained.

1) Class IV, Examinations (In review)

Water

NAME, LOCATION	MV	BD	VA	TJ	SF	TP	RR	TM
Orin A. McMonigle, City of Lorain 1 st Submittal, 2 nd examination, 4 copies	**	**s	**	**				
Gregory K. Yuronich, Avon Lake 2 nd Submittal, 4 copies	**	**	**s	**				

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Wastewater

NAME, LOCATION	MV	BD	VA	TJ	SF	TP	RR	TM
Deborah L. Klosz, NEORSD 2 nd submittal, 4 copies				**	**	**s	**	
Eric W. Haddix, Warren County 2 nd submittal, 4 copies					**	**	**s	**
Eric L. Markley, City of Lima 1 st submittal, 4 copies					**	**	**	**s
Gerald Ondo, Jr., Lake County 2 nd submittal, 4 copies					**s	**	**	**

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2) Class IV Actions

There were no Class IV examinations distributed at the September, 2016 Council meetings.

3) Extensions

There were no extension requests received between the September 15, and October 20, 2016 Council meetings.

4) Reciprocity

Council reviewed and discussed the water exams, Class A, B, C, and D from the State of Illinois. Mark Verbsky made a motion to recommend that the Illinois Water Class A be designated equivalent to Ohio's Water Supply 2 exam, that the Illinois Water Class B and C exams be designated equivalent to Ohio's Water Supply 1 exam, and that the Illinois Water Class D exam be designated equivalent to Ohio's Water Supply A exam. Tom Jedlinsky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Charles Mason has requested reciprocity with the State of Ohio. He has held a Water Grade A certification in the State of Illinois since October 1, 1995. Mr. Mason received his Water Grade A certification in the State of Illinois after passing the Illinois Water Grade A examination. We now have representative copies of the State of Illinois water exams.

David Guran has requested reciprocity with the State of Ohio. He has held a Water Grade A certification in the State of Illinois since July 8, 2013. Mr. Guran received his Water Grade A certification in the State of Illinois after passing the Illinois Water Grade A examination. We now have representative copies of the State of Illinois water exams.

John Knowles has requested reciprocity with the State of Ohio. He has held a Class 3 Wastewater certification with the State of Kentucky since October 26, 2015. Kentucky's Wastewater Treatment Class 1 is the lowest classification and Wastewater Treatment Class 4 is the highest classification. Previous reviews of Kentucky's Wastewater Class 3 exams have been determined to be equivalent to Ohio's Class 2 Wastewater Treatment examination. Mr. Knowles has been employed with the City of Cincinnati Metropolitan Sewer District since June 20, 2016.

Carl E. Wheeler has requested reciprocity with the State of Ohio. He has held a Class 4A Water certification with the State of Kentucky since September 29, 2008. Kentucky's Water Treatment Class 1 is the lowest classification and Water Treatment Class 4 is the highest classification. Previous reviews of Kentucky's Water exams have determined that a Kentucky Water Class 4 examination is equivalent to Ohio's Class 3 Water Supply examination.

Robert Munro has held a Wastewater Class A,E,1,3,4 certification with the State of Pennsylvania since November 13, 2008. Pennsylvania does not use ABC exams and will not share a representative copy of the examination taken by Mr. Munro.

Patrick H. Regan has held a Wastewater Class A,E certification with the State of Pennsylvania since June 10, 1999. At the time he became certified, Pennsylvania used ABC examinations but we do not have access to ABC Examination Equivalency Charts from 1999.

Aaron T. Serene has held a Wastewater Class B certification with the State of Pennsylvania since February 12, 2014. Pennsylvania does not use ABC exams and will not share a representative copy of the examination taken by Mr. Serene.

Randy Williams has West Virginia Class 2 Wastewater and Class 2 Water certifications. He has held the wastewater certification since April 25, 2008 and the water certification since October 3, 2012. In both cases, Class 1 is the lowest level of certification and Class 4 is the highest certification. In the past, representative copies of West Virginia examinations have been reviewed and it was determined that West Virginia Class 2 exams are equivalent to Ohio's Class 2 examinations.

Lancerd Weirick has held a Wastewater Treatment Class C certification with the State of Indiana since November 2012. Class A is the lowest and Class D is the highest level of certification. Indiana does not use ABC exams and is unwilling to share a representative copy of the examination taken by Mr. Weirick.

Mark Verbsky made a motion to recommend granting Charles Mason and David Guran Class 2 Water Supply certifications pending verification of operating experience and proof of employment in the State of Ohio; granting John Knowles a Class 2 Wastewater Treatment certification; granting Carl E. Wheeler a Class 3 Water Supply certification pending proof of employment in the State of Ohio; denying the requests of Robert Munro, Patrick H. Regan, and Lancerd Weirick; and tabling the request of Randy Williams pending receipt of additional information. Tracey Phelps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5) Certifications Issued

Forty-five Third Party Exam, Reciprocity and Operator-in-Training (OIT) applications approved and certificates issued between the September 15, and October 20, 2016 Council meetings.

6) Other Business

Between the September 15, 2016 and October 20, 2016 Council meetings, Class IV applications were approved for Kristi A. Babcock (WW) and Jeremy L. Bowser (WW).

At 10:55 a.m. Mark Verbsky made a motion to move into executive session. Terry Meister seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 11:43 a.m. Beth Darnell made a motion to move out of executive session. Scott Foster seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 11:44 p.m. Mark Verbsky made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott Foster seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The traditional (pencil/paper) wastewater and water exams will be held November 9 and 10, 2016 at the Lausche Building at the Ohio Fairgrounds. Proctors are always welcome.

The next Advisory Council meeting will be held Thursday, November 17, 2016, in Ohio EPA Conference Room B at 9:00 a.m.

Council Approved: November 17, 2016

Certifications Issued 9/15/16 to 10/19/16	Type ▼	Class ▼
Cody W Stoller	Water Supply	A
Ryan M Denham	Water Supply	1
Nolan E Kronbergs	Water Supply	1
Shawn M Fry	Water Supply	1
Frank M Vargo	Water Supply	A
Jacob G White	Water Supply	1
NATHAN A SCHAR	Water Supply	A
Curtis A Kuethe	Water Supply	3
Alex J Damman	Water Supply	2
William B Deter	Water Supply	1
James E Gomez	Water Supply	A
Mikael K Stiles	Water Supply	2
Thomas D Rusynyk	Water Supply	1
Alan Rose	Water Supply	2
Daniel B Ward	Water Supply	1
Matthew J Fern	Water Distribution	1
Dave T Kinder	Water Distribution	1
Gary D Snyder	Water Distribution	2
Edward C Pritchard	Wastewater Treatment	2
Garrett A Fannin	Wastewater Treatment	1
Jason E Dulaney	Wastewater Treatment	2
David S Rucker	Wastewater Treatment	1
Robert Radosevic	Wastewater Treatment	1
David G Carpenter	Wastewater Treatment	2
Seth M Schilling	Wastewater Treatment	1
Patrick V Brent	Wastewater Treatment	3
Keith D Zimmerman	Wastewater Treatment	1
Shane Vicars	Wastewater Treatment	2
Thomas H Clemensen	Wastewater Treatment	2
Lawrence B Miller	Wastewater Treatment	A
Jason D Britenstine	Wastewater Treatment	1
Brett A Latham	Wastewater Treatment	1
Eric D Mayer	Wastewater Treatment	1
Thomas A Bleidorn	Wastewater Treatment	2
Christian J Homan	Wastewater Treatment	2
Robert D Smith	Wastewater Treatment	3
Matthew D Ice	Wastewater Treatment	4
Thomas D Rusynyk	Wastewater Treatment	1
Jared T Miller	Wastewater Treatment	2
Jason R Brooks	Wastewater Treatment	1
Kevin P Fitz	Wastewater Treatment	1
Dustin M Bowman	Wastewater Collection	1
Jonathon B Helmlinger	Wastewater Collection	1
Daniel L Rozalski	Wastewater Collection	2
Jordan L Ammon	Wastewater Collection	2
Shannon T Dennis	Wastewater Collection	2