Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council  
December 20, 2018

The Advisory Council met on Thursday, November 15, 2018. Members attending were: Verna Arnette, member and chairwoman; William Bowers, member; Mark Verbsky, member; Thomas Jedlinsky, member; Tracey Phelps, member; CarrieAnne Rosemark, member, James Gellner; member, Marco Deshaies, member. Ohio EPA staff in attendance were Andy Barienbrock, Tanushree Courlas, Marissa Ganzfried and Kevin Jarrell.

The Class IV presentation began at 9:10 a.m. in Ohio EPA Conference Room A. Five operators attended the presentation, James Bennett, Samuel Frazzini, Jeff Morrow, Richard Reeder, and Christopher Zdinak. All participants remained to review exemplary Class IV examinations after the presentation.

At 10:21 AM, the Advisory Council meeting was called to order in Ohio EPA Conference Room B.

After a review of the Council minutes for November 15, 2018 meeting, Mark Verbsky made a motion to approve the minutes. Tracey Phelps seconded the motion. James Gellner abstained. Motion carried.

1) Class IV, Examinations (In review)

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2) Class IV Actions

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Mark Verbsky made a motion to recommend returning Brian D. Starr and passing Cory R. Henslee. William Bowers seconded the motion. Thomas Jedlinsky abstained. Motion carried.
3) Extensions

John J. Nemet, is requesting an extension to complete the first submittal of his Class IV Water Supply examination. His request was received on November 26, 2018. His Class IV first submittal is due on January 15, 2019. He has not requested an extension previously.

Leon Smith, is requesting an extension to complete the second submittal of his Class IV Wastewater Treatment examination. His request was received on December 17, 2018. His Class IV first submittal is due on February 15, 2019. He has not requested an extension previously.

Jeremy Bowser, is requesting an extension to complete the first submittal of his Class IV Wastewater Treatment examination. His request was received on December 18, 2018. His Class IV first submittal is due on January 15, 2019. He has not requested an extension previously.

James Gellner made a motion to deny Mr. Nemet and Mr. Bowser’s extension requests on their first submittal of their Class IV examinations and to grant Mr. Smith an extension until August 15, 2019 to submit the second submittal of his Class IV examination. Thomas Jedlinsky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4) Reciprocity

Charles Hart has held a Water Treatment Class 4 license from Maryland since April 1, 2011 and is valid until January 1, 2020. Maryland’s lowest water certification is Class 1 and Class 4 is the highest. He took a Maryland customized ABC exam and they are unwilling to share a representative copy of the exam; however, ABC has determined that the Maryland Water Treatment Class 4 exam is equivalent to ABC’s Water Treatment Class IV exam.

Leanne Hoese has held a Drinking Water Class D1, S1, and F5 license from Michigan since 5/2/2018 (S-1), D-1 (5/2017), and F-5 (5/14) and is valid until July 15, 2021. Michigan’s lowest water certification is Class 5 and Class 1 is the highest. Michigan has previously shared their exams.

Thomas Jedlinsky made a motion to approve Charles Hart’s reciprocity request for his Wastewater Treatment Class 4 from Maryland to an Ohio Water Supply Class 3 License and table Leanna Hoese’s reciprocity request for her Drinking Water Class D1, S1, and F5 license from Michigan. Marco Deshaies seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5) Certifications Issued

Seventy Third Party Exam, Reciprocity and Operator-in-Training (OIT) applications were approved between November 15 and December 20, 2018. Certificates were issued to:

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### Other Business

Jason Collins met with council about his class IV submission at 10:30am and Kathryn Crestani met with council about her class IV submission at 11:20am.

Between the November 15 and December 20, 2018 Council meetings, 6 Class IV applications were approved for Amy Elliott, WS (City of Alliance); Andrew Blowers, WW (City of Ashland); Ben Tedrick, WW (NEORSD); Christopher Zdinak, WW (MSDGC); Richard Reeder, WS (Aqua Ohio), Richard Davis, WW (Clermont County).

According Ohio EPA’s records, ABC gave 156 Ohio Water and Wastewater exams in November 2018.

At 12:23 PM, James Gellner made a motion to move into executive session to discuss the investigation of charges or complaints against licensees or regulated individuals. Tracey Phelps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 12:30 PM, Marco Deshaies made a motion to move out of executive session. James Gellner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 12:35 PM, Marco Deshaies made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Verbsky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next Council meeting will be held in Ohio EPA Conference Room B on Thursday, January 17, 2019.

**Council Approved:** January 17, 2019