

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council March 18, 2021

The Advisory Council met on Thursday, March 18, 2021. Members attending were: William Bowers; member; Mark Verbsky, member; Marco Deshaies; member, CarrieAnne McConnell; member, Tracey Phelps; member, James Gellner; member, Todd Hone; member, and Tom Jedlinsky; member. Ohio EPA staff in attendance were Andrew Barienbrock, Vanessa Consolo, Colt Bush and Peter Simcic. Scott Brown (City of Zanesville) was also in attendance.

At 9:02 AM, the March Class IV Presentation “Demystifying the Class IV” occurred via Microsoft Teams.

At 10:32 AM, the March Advisory Council Meeting was called to order via Microsoft Teams.

After review of the council minutes for February 18, 2021, Mark Verbsky made a motion to approve the minutes. CarrieAnne McConnell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

1) Class IV, Examinations (In review)

Water

NAME, LOCATION	MV	WB	TH	TJ	MD	TP	JG	CM
William Burch, Sandusky, 2 nd submittal	**S	**	**	**				
Robert Shaver, City of Fosteria, 1 st submittal	**	**	**S	**				

** assigned to review x reviewed package
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Wastewater

NAME, LOCATION	MV	WB	TH	TJ	MD	TP	JG	CM
Nathan Zuege, Lake County, 1 st submittal					**	**S	**	**

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2) Class IV Actions

Water

NAME, EMPLOYER, SUBMITTAL	ACTION
Cheri Woody, Greater Cincinnati Water Works, 2 nd submittal	Recommend Pass

Wastewater

NAME, EMPLOYER, SUBMITTAL	ACTION
Doug Dixon, City of Columbus, 2 nd submittal	Recommend Pass
Randy Davis, Clermont County, 2 nd submittal	Recommend Return
Cathleen Glisic, NEORSD, 2 nd submittal	Recommend Pass

William Bowers made a motion to return Randy Davis and pass Cheri Woody, Doug Dixon and Cathleen Glisic. Todd Hone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3) Extensions

Brent Smith (Clermont County) requested an extension on his 2nd Class IV submittal. He had previously requested/was approved for an extension on his 2nd Class IV submittal.

Mark Verbsky made a motion to grant a three-month extension. Todd Hone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4) Reciprocity

Eric Helgesen has held a Water Treatment Plant Class II (T2) in the State of California since 12/22/2011. California's lowest certification is a T1 and highest is a T5. Eric passed a written examination. California was unwilling to share their exams.

Eric France has held a Wastewater Treatment Class II in the State of Kentucky since 10/29/2018. Kentucky's lowest certification is a Class I and highest is a Class IV. Eric passed a written examination.

Leisa Berry has held a Water Operator Class III from the State of Georgia since 1/2/2020. Georgia's lowest certification is a Class IV and the highest is a Class I. Leisa passed an ABC Level 2 exam, which is used for Georgia's Class III certification.

Mark Verbsky made a motion to reject Eric Helgesen's request, grant Eric France an Ohio EPA Wastewater Treatment Class I certification and grant Leisa Berry an Ohio EPA Water Supply Class I certification. William Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5) Certifications Issued

44 Third Party Exam, Ohio EPA, Reciprocity and Operator-in-Training (OIT) applications were approved between February 18, 2021 and March 14, 2021. Certificates were issued to:

First Name	Middle	Last Name	Type	Class
Paul	J	Joseph	Wastewater Treatment	4
Andrew	C	Blowers	Wastewater Treatment	4
Leon	E	Smith	Wastewater Treatment	4
Brian	C	Blake	Wastewater Treatment	2
Eddie	L	Ogle	Water Distribution	1
Kevin	J	Aiken	Wastewater Treatment	4
Brian	K	Young	Water Supply	3
Donald		Feller	Water Supply	2
Dominic	A	Muto	Wastewater Treatment	1
Ralph	E	Fitzpatrick, II	Water Supply	2
John	P	Blackwood	Water Supply	1
Michael	P	Shaw	Wastewater Collection	1
Leo		Stratton	Wastewater Treatment	A
Caleb		Hupp	Wastewater Treatment	2
Robert	J	Collins	Wastewater Treatment	3
Jacob		Knox	Water Distribution	1
Shane	L	Tome	Water Supply	2
Mark	S	Nagy	Water Distribution	1
Jeffrey		Cranert	Water Supply	1

Jacob	S	Knight	Wastewater Treatment	1
Brent	E	Ulincy	Wastewater Treatment	1
Brian		Sherpa	Wastewater Treatment	1
Timothy		Farrell	Wastewater Collection	1
Joshua		Pecek	Water Distribution	1
Connie=		Berman	Water Supply	1
Michael	P	Fuchilla	Water Distribution	1
Samuel		Taylor	Wastewater Collection	1
Ryan	M	Denham	Water Supply	3
Jeremy	J	Iles	Water Supply	3
Paige		Peterson	Wastewater Treatment	A
Joshua	F	Jeffi	Wastewater Collection	2
Benjamin	S	Woitas	Wastewater Treatment	1
Nicholas	R	Bechler	Wastewater Treatment	2
William	E	Barnhouse	Wastewater Collection	2
Steve	R	Schneider	Wastewater Collection	1
Mark		Horn	Water Supply	1
Jason	J	Haynes	Wastewater Treatment	2
Nicholas		Vogel	Water Distribution	1
Tyler		Snow	Water Distribution	1
Thomas	W	Wills	Wastewater Treatment	2
Dwight	E	Fox	Wastewater Collection	1
Bryan		Hill	Wastewater Treatment	1
Benjamin		Ebbole	Water Supply	1
Philip		Brugger	Water Supply	1

6) Other Business

Scott Brown met with the Council to discuss his Class IV submittal.

Between the February 18, 2021 and March 15, 2021 Council meetings, applications were approved for Avery Brown (WS, City of Lorain), Ryan Hancock (WS, Clermont County) and Nathan Coey (WS, City of Wooster).

According to Ohio EPA's records, ABC gave 166 Ohio Water and Wastewater exams in February 2021.

At 11:30 AM, William Bowers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. CarrieAnne McConnell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next Council meeting is scheduled to occur on Thursday, April 15, 2021.

Council Approved: