

# Minutes of the Advisory Board of Examiners for Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators August 21, 2003

Present for the meeting on August 21st were: Robert Brown, chair; Debbie Metz, vice chair; Chris Clark, member; Vui Chung, member; Richard Lorenz, member; Kirk Leifheit, secretary; Karen Morr, Certification Unit; and Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:47 a.m. A motion was made by Chris Clark, seconded by Debbie Metz, to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2003 meeting with two amendments to Sections 1 and 5.

## 1. Exam Revisions

The Board finished the exam changes for the November 2003 exams, and Karen will prepare the exams for print.

## 2. Class IV, Part I

The Board reviewed the following Part I applications &/or additional information:

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
John Adams	Geauga County	Wastewater	Recommend approval based on the information received from the Division of Surface Water and the Office of Legal Services.
Ramesh Kashinkunti	Cincinnati Water Works	Water	Recommend approval based on the information received from the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters and the Office of Legal Services.
Paul Menz	City of Lancaster	Wastewater	Recommend approval based on the information received from the Division of Surface Water and the Office of Legal Services.
David Robertson	Village of Hebron	Wastewater	Recommend approval based on the information received from the Division of Surface Water and the Office of Legal Services.

Paul Sandstrom	Delaware County - OECC	Wastewater	Recommend approval based on the information received from the Division of Surface Water and the Office of Legal Services.
Mike Sudman	City of Celina	Water	Recommend approval based on the information received from the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters and the Office of Legal Services.
Corey Timko	City of Lorain	Wastewater	Recommend approval based on the information received from the Division of Surface Water and the Office of Legal Services.
Jeff Vaughn	Eastern Ohio Regional Wastewater Authority	Wastewater	Recommend approval based on the information received from the Division of Surface Water and the Office of Legal Services.
Ronald Volkerding	Greene County	Wastewater	Recommend denial based on the information received from the Division of Surface Water and the Office of Legal Services.

A motion was made by Richard Lorenz, seconded by Kirk Leifheit to recommend approval of the Class IV, Part I applications of John Adams, Ramesh Kashinkunti, Paul Menz, David Robertson, Paul Sandstrom, Mike Sudman, Corey Timko, Jeff Vaughn, and to recommend denial of Ronald Volkerding's Class IV, Part I application. Motion carried.

**3. Class IV, Part II (new)**

None

**4. Class IV, Part II (resubmittals)**

Name	Location	Type	Rec'd Date	Number copies
Randy Bruback	City of Painesville	WW	8/21/03	4
John Hoff	City of Columbus	WW	8/20/03	4

Richard Papp	City of Cleveland	WS	8/21/03	4
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**5. Class IV, Part II (action)**

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Thomas Angelo (resubmittal)	City of Warren	Wastewater	Return for Plant section. Section needs to be resubmitted in its entirety.
Jeff Harrington (resubmittal)	Rocky River WWTP	Wastewater	Return for System and Planning. Sections need to be resubmitted in their entirety.
Robert Hollis	Summit County	Wastewater	Return for Budget, Plant, System, Safety, Design and Research. Sections need to be resubmitted in their entirety.
Anthony Rice (resubmittal)	City of London	Wastewater	Return for Budget, Plant, Safety and Planning. Sections need to be resubmitted in their entirety.
Michael D. Shaw (resubmittal)	City of Portsmouth	Wastewater	Return for Experience, Budget, Plant, System, Safety, Research and Design. Sections need to be resubmitted in their entirety.
Thomas W. Stickle	Earth Tech	Wastewater	Return for Experience, Administration, Budget, Plant, System, Safety, Planning, Research, Design, and Staff Training.

A motion was made by Chris Clark, seconded by Richard Lorenz, to recommend that the Class IV, Part II examinations of Thomas Angelo, Jeff Harrington, Robert Hollis, Anthony Rice, Michael D. Shaw, and Thomas W. Stickle be returned for revisions. Motion carried.

**6. Class IV, Part II (in review)**

**WATER**

NAME, LOCATION	KL	CC	VC	RL	DH	DM	BB
Dennis Horgan, City of Cleveland (resubmittal)				**		x	
James L. Koch, Clermont County Water and Sewer (resubmittal)	x		**	x		x	

**WASTEWATER**

NAME, LOCATION	KL	CC	VC	RL	DH	DM	BB
Randy Bruback, City of Painesville (resubmittal)	**	**			**		**
John Hoff, City of Columbus (resubmittal)	**	**			**		**

\*\* denotes who currently has package

x denotes who has reviewed package

**7. OIT's**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>EXAM TYPE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
Joshua I. Bell	WD 1	Recommend approval.
Todd A. Brandenburg	WC 2	Needs more time.
William D. Davis	WS 1	Needs more time.
Roger A. Donnell	WS 1	Recommend approval.
Jeffrey P. Harmon	WS 1	Recommend approval.
Michelle L. Hayden	WW 1	Recommend approval.
William L. Hoggard	WW 2	Recommend approval.
Richard R. Mahiques	WC 1	Recommend approval.
Christopher L. McDaniel	WD 1	Recommend approval.
Larry McFarland	WS 3	Recommend approval.
Larry McFarland	WW 1	Needs more time.
Frederick L. Meiring	WS 3	Recommend approval.
Randall J. Rothlisberger	WD 2	Recommend approval.
James R. Sanders	WS 1	Recommend approval.
Heather R. Scheid	WS 3	Recommend approval.
Stan Sutter	WW 1	Recommend approval.
Michael Valko	WW 1	Needs more time.
Thomas A. Weis	WS 1	Needs more time.

A motion was made by Chris Clark, seconded by Debbie Metz, to recommend approval of the OIT documentation and issue certificates to all of the above except Todd A. Brandenburg, William D. Davis, Larry McFarland (WW 1), Michael Valko, and Thomas A. Weis who need additional experience time. Motion carried.

**8. Reciprocity**  
None

**9. Enforcement Cases**

Kirk discussed the status of the appeal from the City of Columbus regarding the denial of Gary Hickman's Class IV, Part I application.

Ralph Gigandet submitted a request for reinstatement of his suspended Wastewater Treatment Class II certificate on September 3, 2003. A motion was made by Chris Clark, seconded by Debbie Metz, to recommend reinstatement of his Wastewater Treatment Class II certificate effective September 3, 2003.

Motion carried.

### 10. Operator Requests

Name	Request	Action
Kevin G. Aller	Wants an extension of time to submit his OIT documentation.	Recommend approval.

A motion was made by Richard Lorenz, seconded by Chris Clark, to recommend approval of a two year extension for Kevin G. Aller to submit his OIT documentation form for his Wastewater Treatment Class III exam. Motion carried.

### 11. Strategic Plan

Andy introduced a table of information regarding proposed sequential and non-sequential experience requirements for examination. The Board discussed Andy's proposed changes to the experience requirements for certification. Discussion on this issue will continue as proposed rule (Ohio Administrative Code 3745-7) changes are made.

Kirk discussed the presentation he made to the Sunset Committee regarding the role of the Advisory Board for the Environmental Protection Agency of Ohio.

### 12. Contact Hour Update

Karen and Andy provided information on the status of the contact hour program. Several courses were presented for Advisory Board recommendations. Andy will be requesting additional information on the courses: "Ohio Ethics Law", and "Sex Harassment". A motion was made by Kirk Leifheit, seconded by Debbie Metz, to recommend denial of "OTCO Operator Training Update - Questions & Answers" for 2 contact hours and "City of Middletown Info Systems Policy". Motion carried.

### 13. OpCert Database Update

Tab Brewster provided an update on the progress of the Office of Information and Technology (IT) in developing the new Operator Certification database. A new interface for updating operator information was supposed to be available for internal testing on August 25, 2003. Currently the database development is three weeks behind schedule, and Tab is working IT to resolve the schedule issues.

### 14. Other Business

No response has been received by the Board from the Director's Office regarding the memo about Class IV certification.

The Board reviewed the exam challenges listed in the table below.

EXAM NO.	EXAM	QUESTION	ACTION
000547	WW 1	27	No credit
		35	No credit

		49	No credit
<b>002077</b>	WS 3	26	No credit
<b>002077 - cont.</b>	WS 3	27	No credit
		28	No credit
		34	No credit

A motion was made by Kirk Leifheit, seconded by Chris Clark, to recommend that no additional credit is granted for the above exam question challenges. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:48 p.m. on Thursday, August 21st, 2003. (Chris Clark motioned, Vui Chung seconded. Motion carried.)

**Board Approved September 18, 2003**