

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council March 15, 2007

Present for the meeting on March 15, 2007 were: Chris Clark, member ; Robert Brown, member; Dail Hollopeter, member; Vui Chung, member; Kirk Leifheit, member; Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit; Jessica Dingman, Certification Unit. Richard Lorenz, member arrived at 9:15 a.m. and Jim Simpson, member arrived at 9:51 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:40 a.m. Robert Brown made a motion, seconded by Kirk Leifheit, to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2007 meeting and the February 20, 2007 teleconference with minor corrections. Motion carried.

1) Class IV, Examinations (In Review)

WATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	CC	VC	RL	DH	DM	RB
Gary Wick, City of Fairfield	**		**	**		Mailed	
Timothy A. Stephens, City of Cleveland	**		**	**		Mailed	

WASTEWATER

NAME, LOCATION	JS	CC	VC	RL	DH	KL	RB
Michael Cravens, City of Lucas	**	**			**		**
Robert Burkhard 1 copy (resubmittal)		**	**		**		**
David M. Wilson, Butler County	**	**			**		**

**** Denotes who currently has package x Denotes who has reviewed package**

Class IV examinations were from the above referenced individuals were distributed to the members of the council.

2) Class IV Actions

WATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Mark Petrie	City of Lorain	WS	Return for additional information
Kurt Reszegi	City of Cleveland	WS	Return for additional information

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NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
David R. Brandon	Medina County	WW	Return for additional information
Terry Korzan	City of Elyria	WW	Return for additional information
Craig Pierce	City of Cleveland	WW	Return for additional information
Jason Tincu	City of Xenia	WW	Recommend for approval

Vui Chung made a motion, seconded by Dail Hollopeter that Jason Tincu be recommended for approval to receive his Class IV Wastewater Treatment certificate and that Mark Petrie, Kurt Reszegi, David Brandon, Terry Korzan, and Craig Pierce be returned for additional information. Motion carried.

3) OITs

NAME	EXAM TYPE	ACTION
Jamie Davia	WC II	Recommended for approval
Thomas Frey	WS I	Recommended for approval
Robert L. Grier II	WC II	Recommended for approval
Arthur Keith	WW III	Recommended for approval
Darren C. LeBrun	WS IIII	Recommended for approval
Darren C. LeBrun	WW I	Recommended for approval
Brock McGhee	WW II	Recommended for approval
Jeffery Pickrell	WS II	Recommended for approval
Andrew Schoewe	WC II	Recommended for approval
Giles Thrift	WW III	Recommended for approval

Dail Hollopeter made a motion, seconded by Vui Chung, recommending that all of the above be issued certificates. Motion carried.

3) Strategic Planning

Replacements for Deborah Metz and Dail Hollopeter were discussed. Their terms expire June, 2007. Additional names were suggested to the list of possible replacements. Following a discussion, the Council recommended a field of seven candidates. The Agency will follow up on the recommendations.

The Council met with George Elmaraghy and Mike Baker to discuss potential changes to the Class IV examination.

4) **Extension Requests**

Dail Hollopeter made a motion, seconded by Robert Brown, recommending that Ronnie R. Spencer be granted a one-year extension to complete his Class IV examination. Motion carried.

5) **Reciprocity**

Robert M. Gambino, S4 New Jersey, who is being considered for employment by the City of Jackson, Ohio requested reciprocity based upon his certificate from the State of New Jersey. Mr. Gambino's request was initially returned because Ohio EPA was unable to obtain adequate information from the state of New Jersey. Follow up conversations with New Jersey indicated that although an ABC test was not used, questions from the ABC Class IV question bank were used to generate the test that Mr. Gambino passed.

James D. Simpson Pennsylvania Water Level A, E. Mr. Simpson held a Class II water supply certificate in Ohio until December 31, 2005. Mr. Simpson remained certified in Pennsylvania and has kept his Pennsylvania certificate in good standing.

Kirk Leifheit made a motion, seconded by Vui Chung recommending that Robert M. Gambino be granted a Wastewater Treatment II certificate upon documentation of employment in Ohio. and that James D. Simpson be granted a WSII certificate in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-7-13 (A)(2)(b). Motion carried.

6) **Other Business**

The Council met with Billy Slaven regarding his Class IV application to clarify the council's questions and the need for specific additional information in his examination prior to his final submission.

An examination question submitted by Tyler Espenschied was discussed and accepted with minor changes for the Wastewater Class II and Class III question databanks.

Course relevance: Dail Hollopeter made a motion, seconded by Robert Brown recommending that the course titled **Green Design: From Novelty to Necessity** from the City of Columbus, Department of Public Utilities not be approved. Based upon the explanation provided, the subject matter does not appear to be relevant to water or wastewater operators. Motion carried.

Class IV applications for Timothy Ray (WS), Joseph M. Salreno (WW), and George Schur (WW) were approved between the February 2007 and March 2007 meetings.

7) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:20 p.m. on Thursday March 15, 2007. Kirk Leifheit made a motion, seconded by Robert Brown. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 26, 2007.

Council Approved: April 26, 2007