

Minutes of the Advisory Board of Examiners for Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification May 11, 2006

Present for the meeting on May 11, 2006 were: Dail Hollopeter, member; Robert Brown, member; Vui Chung member; Richard Lorenz, member; Chris Clark member and acting chair; Dave Bornino, Ohio EPA Certification Unit, Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. Robert Brown made a motion, seconded by Dail Hollopeter, to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2006 meeting. Motion carried. Vui Chung abstained since she was absent from the April meeting.

- 1) **Class IV, Applications**
There were no applications received.
- 2) **Class IV, Examinations (in review)**

WATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	CC	VC	RL	DH	DM	RB
Bates, Jim, Village of Sebring	**		**	**		MAILED	
Bowers, William, City of Cleveland resubmittal	**		**	**		MAILED	

WASTEWATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	CC	VC	RL	DH	DM	RB
Fulcher, Nobel, Cincinnati MSD		**	**		**		**
Hydinger, Gary, City of Geneva		**	**		**		**
Posekany, Dean, City of Columbus	**	**			**		**

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

3) Class IV, Examinations Actions

WATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Flahiff, Joseph	City of Fremont	Water	Return for additional information

WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Branham, Anthony M	City of Fairborn	WW	Return for additional information
Beaverson, Royce	City of Bowling Green	WW	Recommended approval
Bennington, Phillip	City of Dayton –	WW	Recommended approval
Hanes, Tom,	Madison WWTP	WW	Recommended approval upon condition of KL comments
Heilman, Mike	City of Kenton resubmittal	WW	Recommended approval
Ulrich, Tony	City of Massillon	WW	Return for additional information
Wagner, Barbara	Cincinnati	WW	Recommended for approval

Vui Chung made a motion seconded by Dail Hollopeter that Royce Beaverson, Phillip Bennington, Mike Heilman, and Barbara Wagner be recommended for approval to receive their Water Class IV certificates; that additional information be requested from Joseph Flahiff, Anthony Branham, and Tony Ulrich; and that Tom Hanes be recommended for approval to receive his Water Class IV certificate pending comments from Kirk Leifheit. Motion carried.

4) OIT - Actions

NAME	EXAM TYPE	ACTION
Cole, Seth	WW 2	Recommended approval
Crowder, Robert	WW 1	Recommended approval
Hampton, Quincy	WS 1	Recommended approval
Maichle II, Ronald A	WW 1	Recommended approval
McNich, Michael	WW 1	Recommended approval
Pigg, David	WW 3	Recommended approval
Reis Jr, William	WW 1	Recommended approval
Richer Jr, Alfred	WS 2	Recommended approval
Richer Jr, Alfred	WW 3	Recommended approval
Smith Jr, Michael J	WS 3	Recommended approval
Teders, Russell	WS 1	Recommended approval
Troy, Kerry	WS 1	Recommended approval
Tobias, Frank	WS 1	Recommended approval
Vancura, Jason	WS 1	Recommended approval
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Dail Hollopeter made a motion, seconded by Vui Chung, recommending that the above operators be issued certificates. Motion carried.

5) Strategic Planning

Class IV exam discussions were continued.

6) Reciprocity

Charles G. Hungler III, Kentucky Wastewater Class 2 - Kentucky would not share examination.

James D. Simpson, Pennsylvania Water Class 1 – Original Pennsylvania certification issued through reciprocity from State of Ohio. Ohio certification was allowed to expire.

Dail Hollopeter made a motion, seconded by Vui Chung, recommending that Hungler's request be denied and that Simpson's request be referred to Legal.

The Board moved into executive session to discuss additional certification issues.

7) Other Business

The Board discussed Wendell Hurley's request to attend July Board meeting. The Board has no jurisdiction over his concerns and he will be referred to the Director's Office.

An update on the Class A RFP was provided. The deadline for bids was April 26, 2006, and they are being reviewed.

It was reported that the Draft Responsiveness Summary for the new rules has been completed and the Agency has met with the Association of Ohio Metropolitan Wastewater Authorities (AOMWA).

Director Koncelik has given the group three weeks to propose solutions for those sections of the new rules the group finds objectionable or the rules will be filed.

Course relevance: "Asphalt Pavement Preservation" – explanation from Ohio LTAP. Richard Lorenz made a motion, seconded by Dail Hollopeter recommending that one-hour of the presentation covering pavement management and condition rating process would be applicable to Ohio's Operator Certification Program. Motion carried.

Course relevance: "Pavement Condition Rating" – explanation from Ohio LTAP. Richard Lorenz made a motion, seconded by Vui Chung recommending that one hour and thirty minutes of the presentation covering pavement preservation and hot mix asphalt pavement would be applicable to Ohio's Operator Certification Program. Motion carried.

10:00 a.m. The Board met with several representatives of the Operator Training Committee of Ohio (OTCO). The following people represented OTCO at the meeting: Curtis Truss, Carolyn O' Neal, Pat Antonelli, and Ernie Stickler.

The following questions were discussed with representatives from OTCO:

1) When will questions on membrane for wastewater or water be on the operator's state exam?

Ohio EPA and the Board invited representatives of OTCO to submit membrane questions for the exams. As new technologies emerge in Ohio, questions regarding those technologies will begin appearing on the examinations.

2) What technology would you want OTCO to introduce in the classroom courses?

WW – Some of the ideas being developed by Keith Kroeger and Jon VanDommelen, telemetry, SCADA, emerging technologies, etc.

WS – New Rules, LT2, crypto, viruses, DBP's, chloramination, UV, GAC, telemetry, SCADA, etc.

3) MOP 11 will not be available in it's current state in the fall of 2006. Do you have any suggested reference materials you would like us to introduce?

California State University at Sacramento courses or older versions of MOP 11 are potential substitutes.

4) In the near future, will the Ohio EPA exams be offered at the District level?

Ohio EPA indicated that it would be using the Class A training and testing program as a model to assess the requirements necessary to accomplish this goal. However, Ohio EPA does not believe that they will be able to accomplish this goal in the next several years.

5) When calculating aeration tank questions, is the RAS to be considered?

Everything necessary is included in the question.

6) What will Class A wastewater operators need to know? Should OTCO begin preparing training for this classification of operators?

Ohio EPA recommended waiting until the new operator certification rules are adopted. Once the rules are adopted "Need to Know Criteria" will be developed.

The impact of the Emergency Rules made under the authority of Senate Bill 9 was discussed with the Board. Water Treatment Operators sitting for the upcoming May 24th examinations will be asked to sign the Ohio Department of Public Safety "Declaration Regarding Material Assistance/Nonassistance to a Terrorist Organization" upon completion of the exam. In the future, this form will apply at least to all drinking water operators becoming certified or renewing their certification.

1:30 p.m. The Board met with Martin Kielbasa to clarify the Board's request for information on his Class IV examination and offered Mr. Kielbasa the opportunity to ask for clarifications on Board expectations.

8) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:40 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2006. Robert Brown motioned, Vui Chung seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held Thursday, June 1, 2006.

Board Approved: _____