

Minutes of the Ohio Operator Certification Advisory Council

July 18, 2024

The Advisory Council met on July 18th, 2024. Members in attendance were Mark Verbsky, member; Todd Hone, member; Robert Ostendorf, member; Steven Baytos, member; James Gellner, member; and Kimberly Furry, member. Ohio EPA staff in attendance were Andrew Barienbrock, Pete Simcic, Kevin Swiadek, Susan Riggins, and Colt Bush. Richard Hess was also in attendance.

At 9:01 AM, the July Advisory Council Meeting was called to order.

After review of the June 20, 2024 Advisory Council minutes, Todd Hone made a motion to approve the minutes. Steve Baytos seconded the motion. Motion carried.

1) Class IV Examinations to be distributed: Wastewater

NAME, LOCATION	MV	WB	TH	CR	RO	KF	JG	SB
Josh Creech, City of Mason, 2 nd Submittal		**	**			**		**S

2) Class IV Actions

Wastewater

NAME, EMPLOYER, SUBMITTAL	ACTION
Richard Hess, City of Perrysburg, 1 st submittal	Recommend Return
Wick Hathaway, Lake County, 1 st submittal	Recommend Return

Kimberly Furry made a motion to recommend returning Richard Hess and Wick Hathaway's exams. Robert Ostendorf seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

3) No Extension Requests

4) Reciprocity

Jason Wells has held Class D Water Collections Operator licenses with the State of South Carolina since 8/12/2022. South Carolina's lowest licensure is a Class D and their highest is a Class A. Mr. Wells took a standardized WPI Class 1 collections exam. WPI's standardized class 2 collections exam is equivalent to Ohio's Class 1 collections exam, so there is no Ohio equivalency for the exam he took. Mr. Wells has 55 months of operating experience.

Steven Baytos motioned to approve reject Jason Wells application. Robert Ostendorf seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5) Certifications Issued

57 applications were approved between June 15 and July 15, 2024. Certificates were issued to:

Blake Cooper Judson	Wastewater Treatment	2
Collin Poth	Wastewater Treatment	A
Timothy Wells	Wastewater Treatment	1
Scott Joseph Znidarsic	Wastewater Treatment	2
Herbert Spain	Wastewater Collection	1
Matthew J Schall	Wastewater Treatment	1
Derrick Shriver	Wastewater Collection	2
Jacob O Watson	Water Supply	2
Cole Thaxton	Water Supply	1
Brian Christopher Spencer	Wastewater Treatment	1
Samuel Brooks	Water Supply	2
john Cousett	Wastewater Treatment	1
Brice Francis	Water Supply	1
John T Shinaver	Water Supply	2
Gregory Arthur	Wastewater Treatment	1
David Peralta	Water Supply	1
Joseph Loranzen	Wastewater Treatment	1
Ryan J More	Wastewater Treatment	2
Joseph alan Brown	Water Supply	1
Garrett scott Carpenter	Water Distribution	2
Timothy Samuel Sinsel	Wastewater Treatment	A
Jay Mosley	Water Supply	3
Devin Lee Adkins	Wastewater Treatment	1
Kevin Lynn Beatty	Water Supply	A
Kyle Moyer	Water Supply	1
Nicole Lee Spallino	Wastewater Treatment	1
Gilmore Burrier	Water Supply	1
Kevin Daniel Brown	Water Distribution	1
Dylan Ammon	Wastewater Treatment	2
Dawson Lane Ballin	Water Distribution	1
Cody E Zeleny	Water Supply	3
John Brady	Wastewater Treatment	1
R Scott Justin	Wastewater Collection	1
Morgan Williams	Water Supply	1
George Moser	Water Supply	1
Vanessa Abbe	Water Supply	A
Clayton Wade Englet	Wastewater Treatment	1

Andrew Provoznik	Water Supply	2
Rodney J Strahler	Water Supply	3
Luis M Pino	Water Supply	2
Jeffrey Alan Buck	Water Supply	1
Frank Thomas Neuhart	Water Supply	2
John Daniel Leatherwood	Wastewater Treatment	1
Dylon Alexander Rhymer	Water Supply	1
Anthony J Coleman	Water Distribution	2
Caleb Faulkner	Wastewater Treatment	1
Logan Krompak	Wastewater Treatment	1
Stephen L Ohlinger, Jr	Wastewater Treatment	1
Bridgette Tate	Water Supply	1
Nicholas Anderson	Wastewater Treatment	1
Carl St Angelo	Wastewater Treatment	2
Chelsea A Bates	Wastewater Treatment	3
Michael Brown	Water Distribution	1
Samuel J Liston	Water Supply	2
Amanda Powell	Wastewater Treatment	3
Timothy B Bradley	Wastewater Collection	2
Ian Fox	Wastewater Treatment	1

6) Other Business

According to Ohio EPA's records, WPI gave 236 Ohio Water and Wastewater exams in the month of May.

Between the June 20, 2024, and the July 18, 2024 Council meetings, one Class IV application was received from Shawn Dershem. This Class IV application will be reviewed during the meeting.

Steven Baytos made a motion to approve Shawn Dershem's Class IV application. Todd Hone seconded the motion. Kimberly Furry abstained. Motion carried.

At 9:19 AM role was called, and each member agreed to move into executive session to investigate charges or complaints against licensees or regulated individuals.

At 9:23 AM, Kimberly Furry made a motion to move out of executive session. Steven Baytos seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 9:27AM, Todd Hone made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kimberly Furry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Next Class IV Presentation is scheduled for August 15th at 10:00 am followed by the Advisory Council meeting at 11:30 am. Both will be held at the Lazarus government building.