

MINUTES

WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITY OPERATORS CERTIFICATION BOARD

Crowne Plaza Hotel
Colorado Springs, Colorado

February 16, 2010 Meeting

Call to Order:

Jeannette Hillery called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

Board members present:

Allen Coyne, Rich Hayes, Jeannette Hillery, Scott Leslie, Gary Parham, Garth Rygh, Tom Schaffer, Tom Settle and Steve Walker.

Board members absent:

Bill Wright.

Staff present:

Paul Frohardt, Administrator; Betsy Beaver, Division Liaison; Annette Quill, Assistant Attorney General and Heather Timms, Program Assistant.

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved with the deletion of the Adjudicatory Hearing item, since the only exam appeals submitted were subsequently withdrawn, and with the addition of a Division Liaison Report item regarding the status of facility compliance.

Administrator's Items:

1. Allen Coyne moved for approval of the November 24, 2009 meeting minutes. Scott Leslie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Gary Parham abstained.
2. Paul Frohardt provided a summary of the November Contractor Coordination Subcommittee meeting.
3. The Board reviewed the draft agenda for the April 2010 Board meeting.

Reports from ABC Annual Conference:

Betsy Beaver, Ray Olson and Kevin Kirkpatrick provided a briefing regarding discussions at the recent ABC Annual Conference.

Public Comment:

One public comment was offered, encouraging additional clarifications in Regulation No. 100.

Contractors' Report:

1. No reciprocity requests were presented to the Board this month.
2. Ray Olson noted that the contractors' Joint Executive Committee will be meeting to discuss several issues, including ABC's plan to phase out multiple entry examinations. The Board requested that the contractors provide an update on this issue at the April Board meeting.
3. Ray Olson described the contractors' plans for offering electronic operator certification examinations. The current plan is that electronic testing will begin in May 2010.
4. Ray Olson discussed options to address concerns that have arisen regarding the accuracy of experience information on certification exam applications, including random checks on application accuracy and possibly requiring that supervisors certify the accuracy of information on applications. This issue will be discussed further by the contractors' Joint Executive Committee.

Division Liaison's Report:

1. Betsy Beaver discussed the Division's recommendation regarding a disciplinary action concerning Mr. Nicholas J. Harris. Following discussion, Tom Settle moved that the Board approve a proposed Compliance Order on Consent concerning Mr. Harris and invalidate the results of his water treatment "C" and "B" examinations and water distribution "2" examination. Allen Coyne seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Betsy discussed the Division's recommendation regarding a disciplinary action concerning Mr. Farron D. Hall. Following discussion, Allen Coyne moved that the Board approve a proposed Compliance Order on Consent and Letter of Reprimand concerning Mr. Hall. Garth Rygh seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Betsy provided a briefing regarding the Water Quality Control Division's plans to convene an operator training roundtable to discuss training issues, including opportunities to better match training opportunities to the major areas of system operation shortcomings and the geographical distribution of training opportunities.
4. Betsy provided a summary of revisions to Regulation No. 100 approved in 2009, including the adoption of new requirements for operator certification for Industrial Class 2 facilities. Betsy also discussed plans to address additional proposed revisions to Regulation No. 100 in a future rulemaking hearing, probably in early 2011, with additional interim updates to be provided to the Board prior to that time.

5. Betsy briefed the Board regarding the Enforcement Response Guidance developed by the Water Quality Control Division regarding systems that fail to meet certified operator requirements.
6. Betsy provided an update regarding the status of water and wastewater facility compliance with certified operator requirements.

Attorney General's Report:

There was no separate report from the Assistant Attorney General at this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m., February 16, 2010.