

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
WATER UTILITY OPERATOR LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 24, 2005
10:00 a.m.

TCEQ Offices
12100 Park 35 Circle, Bldg. A, 2nd Flr., Rm. 202
Austin, Texas

MINUTES

Members Attending

Richard E. Harbuck
David Harris
Cathy Henderson, Chair
Charles R. Maddox, P.E.
Debbie Magin
Ted Neumann
Robert Riley
David L. Yohe

Members Absent

Mary P. Baiza
Larry Bell
Mike Moreno, Jr.
George Patterson
Mauro J. Perez

TCEQ Compliance Support Division Staff Attending

Noreen Helmle
Susan Hier
Alex Hinz
Juanita Lopez
Linda Saladino
Terry Thompson
Shikha Basnet

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Cathy Henderson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and confirmed that a quorum was present. Committee members and TCEQ staff introduced themselves. The Minutes of the March 8, 2005 Meeting were presented for approval. There was a motion and a second and all members voted to approve them.

Expiring Terms

Ms. Henderson announced that the following members' terms would expire on August 31, 2005:

Mary P. Baiza
David Harris
Cathy Henderson
Mike Moreno, Jr.
Mauro J. Perez

She said that Charlie Maddox, who is currently the Vice Chair, will be the new Chair as of September 1, 2005.

Recognition of Outgoing Committee Members

Ms. Henderson recognized each outgoing member for their contributions and service. Juanita Lopez recognized Ms. Henderson's accomplishments as Chair.

Nomination Process for New Members

Ms. Henderson asked committee members to send nominations to Noreen Helmle. Ms. Helmle explained that a letter soliciting nominations will be e-mailed or mailed within the next few days to approximately 100 interested parties, including the current committee members. Information regarding criteria, deadline for nominations and other information will be in the letter. Anyone may nominate individuals or forward the letter to others who may be interested in being on the committee. Nominations will be reviewed by Compliance Support Division staff and management and forwarded to the Commissioners for final selection of the five new members during a formal TCEQ Commissioners' Agenda Session.

Rule Revisions

Terry Thompson discussed the items for consideration for rule-making/revisions and distributed a list of them. A copy is attached to the original of these Minutes.

Texas Small Public Water System Training Program (TSPWSTP)

Noreen Helmle reported that the TSPWSTP Contract with Engitech, Inc., would be renewed for a second year. TCEQ will request that EPA extend the grant term until August 31, 2009.

TCEQ Water/Wastewater Training Provider Seminar

Ms. Helmle announced that the TCEQ Water/Wastewater Training Provider Seminar would be held July 5-7, 2005 in Austin.

Training Issues Update

Linda Saladino reported on the RG-373 Revisions project. She will e-mail to committee members the Summary of the RG-373 Revision Subcommittee Meeting held on April 22, 2005. A copy is attached to the original of these Minutes.

She also shared information acquired from other states and Association of Boards of Certification (ABC). She distributed a copy of the "Curriculum Design Document: Weapons

of Mass Destruction Awareness Level Training (AWR-160). A copy is attached to the original of these Minutes. She gave a status report on the A License Exam revisions and discussed the Surface Water Protection II (SWP II) Course approval and availability.

Alex Hinz distributed a copy of the SW I and II Training Course Requirement Policy. A copy is attached to the original of these Minutes.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was tentatively set for September 30, 2005.