

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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MINUTES

State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

Regular Meeting – May 13, 2021

A. Call to Order and Sign-In

A regular meeting of the State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals (“the Board”) was called to order on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 9:35 via a Zoom conference call, by Chair Kenneth Collette. Board members J. Adams, K. Meloy, D. Wolfram, M. Gamache, A. Phillips-Griggs and C. Violette were present via Zoom. Board Administrator Liz McAuliffe, Jacques Gilbert, and Selena Thornhill-Moody of DEEP, and Nelson Walter representing EPOC were also present on the Zoom call for the meeting. This meeting is being held via Zoom due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the Governor’s Executive Orders prohibiting the physical gathering of persons.

B. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

The draft minutes of the Regular Board meeting of April 8, 2021 were read and approved with minor corrections; motion by D. Wolfram, seconded by K. Meloy, passed unanimously.

C. Public Participation

Mr. Walter reported that EPOC had a meeting with DEEP staff in the past week and DEEP’s position was that the RSRs apply to all sites in CT regardless of whether the site is in a program or not. This creates certain problems particularly for homeowners with a leaking UST where they would need to provide public notice and complete four quarters of groundwater monitoring. Chair Collette reported that this interpretation stems out of recent case law.

D. Unfinished Business and General Orders

Update on complaint #17-102

Chair Collette reported that the Consent Order has been signed by all parties and posted on the website.

Update on Exam held May 12, 2021 and LEP Renewals due June 1, 2021

Liz McAuliffe reported that 14 individuals signed up to take the exam, and 13 attended the exam. As of the date of the meeting 14% of LEPs had submitted applications to renew their licenses.

E. New Business

Course Approvals

Course approval request from an LEP for the approval of a webinar titled ***“Yale Symposium: Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS): Challenges and Opportunities”*** for 6.5 CECs. On a motion by K. Meloy, seconded by A. Phillips-Griggs, the request was approved unanimously for 3.25 CECs.

Course approval request from Enviro Workshops for the approval of a four webinars held in January 2021 titled:

1. **“Adjusting pH to Immobilize Metals and Improve Bioremediation Performance”**,
2. **“Part 2: Using MBTs to Understand the Effect of pH on Microbes”**,
3. **“Leveraging the Remedial Design Characterization (RDC) Process to Develop Surgical Designs and Manage Expectations”**,
4. **“Strategic Utilizations of HRSC Subsurface Imaging Technologies to Optimize the Remediation Phase”**

On a motion by M. Gamache, seconded by J. Adams, the request was approved unanimously for 2.0 CECs for each course.

Course approval request from Enviro Workshops for the approval of a four webinars held in February titled:

1. **“Mitigating Co-Contaminated Plumes”**
2. **“Fractured Bedrock Challenges- Part 1: Characterization & Access”**
3. **“Fractured Bedrock Challenges- Part 2: Injection & Reagent Options”**,
4. **“Challenging Bioremediation Sites”**, and
5. **“1,4-Dioxane Analysis: Modern Techniques for Actionable Data”**.

On a motion by K. Meloy, seconded by A. Phillips-Griggs, the request was approved unanimously for 2.0 CECs for each course, except course 4. ***“Challenging Bioremediation Sites”***. No credit was awarded to this course.

Course approval request from Enviro Workshops for the approval of a four webinars held in March titled:

1. **“Mitigating Co-Contaminated Plumes”**
2. **“Fractured Bedrock Challenges- Part 1: Characterization & Access”**
3. **“Fractured Bedrock Challenges- Part 2: Injection & Reagent Options”**,
4. **“Challenging Bioremediation Sites”**, and
5. **“1,4-Dioxane Analysis: Modern Techniques for Actionable Data”**.

On a motion by K. Meloy, seconded by A. Phillips-Griggs, the request was approved unanimously for 2.0 CECs for each course, except course 4. ***“Challenging Bioremediation Sites”***. No credit was awarded to this course.

Course approval request from Enviro Workshops for the approval of a four webinars held in March titled:

1. ***“Finding the Contaminants the Right Way While Destroying them Holistically, the way Nature Intended”***
2. ***‘Particles in the News: Particle Sizing in Wet Stacks, Particulate Improvements in the Lab, Particles in Dry Sorbents’***
3. ***“Best Practices For Field Screening and Sample Collection”***
4. ***“The Trap & Treat Approach”***
5. ***“A Remediation Story - Site Evaluation, Technology Selection, Remedy Design, Implementation, and Results”***

On a motion by K. Meloy, seconded by C. Violette, the request was approved unanimously for 2.0 CECs for courses 1, 3 and 5. No credit was awarded to courses 2 and 4.

Course approval request from Alpha Analytical for the approval of a webinar titled ***“PCB Analytical Options - You Have a Choice Webinar”*** for 1.0 CECs. On a motion by K. Meloy, seconded by C. Violette, the request was denied by a unanimous vote.

Course approval request from Rutgers NJAES - Office of Continuing Professional Education (OCPE) for the approval of a webinar titled ***“PCBs and the Site Remediation Process”*** for 6.5 CECs. On a motion by K. Meloy, seconded by D. Wolfram, the request was approved unanimously for 5.5 CECs.

Course approval request from LSPA for the approval of a webinar titled ***“Fundamentals of Environmental Sequence Stratigraphy (ESS) for CSMs and Remedial Strategies”*** for 2.0 CECs. On a motion by K. Meloy, seconded by M. Gamache, the request was approved unanimously for 2.0 CECs.

Course approval request from Environmental Business Council of New England, Inc. for the approval of a webinar titled ***“EBC Emerging Contaminants Webinar: PFAS Legal Issues – What Do We Need to be Aware of??”*** for 2.5 CECs. On a motion by K. Meloy, seconded by A. Phillips-Griggs, the request was denied by a unanimous vote.

Course approval request from Environmental Business Council of New England, Inc. for the approval of a webinar titled ***“EBC Emerging Contaminants Webinar Beyond PFAS – What Other Emerging Contaminants Should We Be Concerned With?”*** for 2.5 CECs. On a motion by K. Meloy, seconded by A. Phillips-Griggs, the request was denied by a unanimous vote.

Additional Information

Chair Collette reiterated that a number of vacancies exist or will exist and if any members know of anyone that might be interested, they should be directed to the Governor's website. K. Meloy suggested that the open positions be provided in a brief note to EPOC for posting. Also, Liz will repost the press release concerning open positions.

A discussion followed on potentially crowd sourcing questions for future exams. The consensus was it may result in better questions. Liz will check with Scantron to see if an alternative to the Item Development Workshop could be used to result in a defensible and valid exam.

K. Meloy reminded the Board that a number of questions are impacted by Wave 2 and it may be appropriate to split the Board members into a number of groups and that each group is up to date on the regulatory changes to review old and new questions. Chair Collette suggested that we revisit this at our next meeting. He also suggested that Kevin Neary and Carl Gruszczak be involved in the item review/development process.

Liz indicated that Jan Czeczotka is temporarily filling in for Rob Robinson in the North Central Region and Ray Frigon is temporarily filling in for Peter Hill in the Southwest Region.

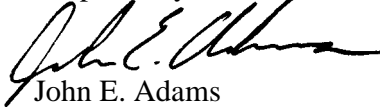
Next meeting is June 10, 2021 at 9:30AM.

F. Adjournment

On a motion by A. Phillips-Griggs, seconded by J. Adams, passed unanimously, Chair Colette declared the meeting adjourned at 10:29 AM.

Minutes were approved on June 10, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John E. Adams", is written over the printed name.

John E. Adams
Board Secretary