



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

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MINUTES

State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

Regular Meeting – January 12, 2017

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, January 12, 2017 at 9:30 AM in the Russell Hearing Room on the 3rd floor, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, by Chair D. Ruzicka. Board members J. Adams, J. Loureiro, A. Phillips-Griggs, R. Good, M. Gamache, S. Holtman and C. Violette were present in person and K. Meloy joined via phone. Board Administrator Kim Maiorano, David Wrinn representing the Board/Attorneys General Office and Nelson Walter representing the EPOC were present.

B. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

The draft minutes of the Regular Board meeting of December 8, 2016 were read and approved with minor corrections; motion by R. Good, seconded by A. Phillips-Griggs, passed unanimously. M. Gamache abstained from the vote.

C. Public Participation

Nelson Walters provided some thoughts on when an LEPs license may be in jeopardy. The situations presented below include some of Mr. Walters’ thoughts and some came from discussions with EPOC Board members. In Mr. Walters opinion, some (or multiple) of these offences would rise to the level of LEP license suspension or revocation:

- Intentional Acts
 - Falsifying data
 - Verification of site that does not meet standards
 - Failing to investigate a likely release area or migration pathway
 - Use of wrong analytical technique to avoid discovery of contamination
 - Failing to include data in the verification that would change the conclusion
- Ethics
 - Substantial unreported conflict of interest
 - Accepting a bribe
 - Financial interest in a project
 - Convicted of a felony

- Multiple offences or history of inadequate verifications
- Significant risk
 - Verification of a site that has significant health impacts
 - Failure to take action when a substantial human health or environmental risk is encountered
 - not reporting SEHs that are significantly above standards
 - drinking water or indoor air above standards and not disclosed
- Gross incompetence (verification that is very substantially below expected level of professional practice)

The Board members discussed Mr. Walters and the EPOC Board's thoughts. The consensus was to continue these discussions so that we insure that disciplinary measures are applied consistently as more matters come before the Board.

D. Unfinished Business and General Orders

Update on complaint #15-101

J. Adams reported that an additional compliance meeting had been scheduled with the LEP.

Update on complaint #16-102

J. Loureiro reported that S. Holtman will join the review team and they will report back next meeting.

E. New Business

Course Approvals

Motion by A. Phillips-Griggs, seconded by J. Loureiro to add course titled "***Contaminant Fate and Transport***" to the agenda for approval by the Board passed unanimously.

Course approval request from GeoPractical for course titled "***Introduction to Groundwater Modeling***" for 4.0 CECs. On a motion by K. Meloy, seconded by S. Holtman, passed unanimously for 4.0 CECs.

Course approval request from EPOC for course titled "***Dissolved Oxygen Alteration Method for Fractured Bedrock Wellbore flow Characterization***" for 4.0 CECs. On a motion by K. Meloy, seconded by A. Phillips-Griggs, passed unanimously for 4.0 CECs.

Course approval request from EPOC for course titled "***Contaminant Fate and Transport***" for 8.0 CECs. On a motion by K. Meloy, seconded by S. Holtman, passed unanimously for 8.0 CECs.

Update on Process for Petition of Antea

The petition was filed on December 15, 2016. The Department has 60 days to accept comments and determine whether to accept the petition and if accepted a decision must be

rendered in 120 days. The process, if the petition is accepted, will likely result in a narrow ruling regarding the issue addressed.

Item Development and Test Assembly Workshops

Late cancelations occurred during the past sessions. Chair Ruzicka urged Board members to participate as an integral portion of the process. K. Maiorano reminded the Board that the standard of care is that regulatory changes must be in force at least 6 months prior to the examination. The date for the release of the Draft RSRs has yet to be determined.

LEP Examination Contract

The Examination Contract with Castle Worldwide is coming up for renewal. The Board was comfortable with extending/reissuing the contract for an additional 5 years.

F. Adjournment

Chair Ruzicka declared the meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Minutes were approved on February 16, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,


John E. Adams
Board Secretary