Certification Program Advisory Committee

**Mission:** To provide the Department and the State Board of Certification of Water and Wastewater Systems Operators (Board) with written comments and recommendations on Department regulatory proposals and guidance. To address, comment, and provide recommendations on other issues related to operator certification at the request of the Department, the Board, or an advisory committee member.

**Logistics:** This committee was created by the Drinking Water and Wastewater Systems Operator’s Certification Act (Act 11) that amended Act 322, the Sewage Treatment Plant and Waterworks Operators’ Certification Act. Act 11 requires the Secretary to appoint the members of this committee. The committee will elect a chairman.

**Membership:** The length of term is 4 years.

**Water System Operators (5)**

Class A (All systems)
Jon Prawdzik
Appt. date: 9/8/14   Exp. date: 3/20/16

Class B (Systems treating 1,000,000 to 5,000,000 gallons per day (gpd))
Jeffrey Staul
Appt. date: 3/21/02   Exp. date: 3/20/16

Class C (Systems treating 100,000 to 1,000,000 gpd)
Jesse Weiss
Appt. date: 3/21/08   Exp. date: 3/20/16

Class D (System treating less than 100,000 gpd)
Steve Martinez
Appt. date: 3/21/11   Exp. date: 3/20/16

Class E (Distribution System Only)
David Eisenberger
Appt. date: 3/21/04   Exp. date: 3/20/16

**Wastewater System Operators (5)**

Class A (All systems)
Douglas Pike
Appt. date: 3/21/04   Exp. date: 3/20/16

Class B (Systems treating 1,000,000 to 5,000,000 gpd)
Sophie Simon
Appt. date: 3/21/02   Exp. date: 3/20/16
Class C (Systems treating 100,000 to 1,000,000 gpd)
Mike Henry
Appt. date: 3/21/02 Exp. date: 3/20/16

Class D (System treating less than 100,000 gpd)
Darrel Hutchinson
Appt. date: 3/21/08 Exp. date: 3/20/16

Class E (Collection System with Pump Station)
Jerry Brown
Appt. date: 3/21/02 Exp. date: 3/20/16

Owners (2)

David Smith
Appt. date: 3/21/02 Exp. date: 3/20/17

Paul Zielinski
Appt. date: 3/21/02 Exp. date: 3/20/17

Owners (2) – Manufactured Housing Community

Edward J. Gulick
Appt. date: 3/21/02 Exp. date: 3/20/17

Jestine Reider
Appt. date: 3/21/13 Exp. date: 3/20/17

Professional Engineer (1)

John R. Ackerman, P.E., P.G., DEE
Appt. date: 3/21/02 Exp. date: 3/20/18

Teaching staff from a College or University (1)

Brenda Firestone
Appt. date: 3/21/12 Exp. date: 3/20/16

General Public (1)

Mr. Jeffrey S. Culton, PE
Appt. date: 3/21/02 Exp. date: 3/20/18