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## New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection State Well Drillers and Pump Installers Examining and Advisory Board Conference Call Minutes for June 20, 2019

*Approved by the Board on July 18, 2019*

**Board Members Present at NJDEP Headquarters Building:** Jeff Hoffman

**Board Members Participating Via Telephone:** Art Becker (Chairman), Gary Poppe (Vice Chairman), Joe Yost, Gordon Craig, Joe Pepe, Carol Graff, Richard Dalton, and Steve Domber

**Board Members Absent:**

**NJDEP Water Supply (Bureau of Water Allocation and Well Permitting) Staff Present:** Terry Pilawski and Steve Reya

### 1. Call to Order-

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am with a quorum present via telephone.

### 2. License Application Review-

The Bureau received one license application for the Environmental Resource & Geotechnical (ERG) license and one for the Pump Installer license. A. Becker summarized the license applicant list that the Bureau previously provided to Board members via email, which listed the following applicants for licensure:

<b>Environmental Resource &amp; Geotechnical</b>	Raymond G. Cappella Jr.
<b>Pump Installer</b>	John McCurdy

The applicants were found to meet the regulatory requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:9D-1.8. G. Poppe motioned to approve both license applicants for licensure. The motion was seconded by G. Craig and approved unanimously.

A brief discussion over the Pump Installer exam then ensued. It was noted that Mr. McCurdy is the first person to pass all three (3) required certification exams required for licensure since the implementation of the current testing format, which went into effect in March, of 2018. As has been noted at previous meetings, the high failure rate for the Pump Installer certification exams has been concerning to Board members, however, the sample size is still small (less than ten individuals) so the Department did not believe enough data exists to be able to assess a trend. S. Reya said he recently spoke with Mr. McCurdy on the phone and solicited his thoughts on the exam. The feedback Mr. McCurdy provided was that he could see why NJ license applicants struggle with the exam, as many of the questions pertain to pumping systems not utilized in NJ. The Board discussed how a national technical exam cannot be tailored to fit the specific criteria of one state, which is one of the limitations of the newly implemented “standardized” testing program.

### **3. Continuing Education Course Review –**

A table summarizing two (2) courses, along with the supporting documentation, was provided to Board members prior to the meeting for review as they were deemed administratively complete by the Bureau. The providers for each course requested two (2) continuing education points (CEPs).

**A motion to approve two (2) courses, as listed below, was made by J. Yost, seconded by C. Graff and approved unanimously.**

New Jersey Ground Water Association (NJGWA) Membership Meeting including Troubleshooting with Meters Presentation by Franklin Electric – NJGWA: 2 Technical CEPs

Advanced Pressure Tanks – Flexcon Industries: 2 Technical CEPs

Several Board members mentioned that the content of both courses will be beneficial to the industry since concern has been expressed by licensees who believe that very few of the currently approved courses are relevant to them if they hold a pump installer license. Bureau staff has also received complaints from those who believe that the focus of the approved courses listed on the website pertain to drilling, not pump work.

S. Reya noted that at the Board’s last meeting a motion was made to expand the list of OSHA courses accepted for continuing education point (CEP) credit beyond the currently approved courses that include the OSHA HAZWOPER 40, 24- and 8-hour courses. Follow up discussion during the conference call identified the need for the Department to identify any OSHA courses that may not be directly related to the industry and have them reviewed by the Board for determination of industry relevance. Bureau staff will forward courses to the Board for approval consideration if they are not the previously approved HAZWOPER courses or the 30 and 10-hour general construction courses that have also been discussed at previous Board meetings as being related to industry duties.

### **4. Continuing Education Program Update –**

Board members were informed that Michael Schumacher has recently made progress writing a report that will allow license holders to view and verify the number of CEPs the Department has on file for their license to ensure that the attendance records have been recorded. The report, which will be publicly available on the Department’s website, is approximately 90% finalized and has a few remaining issues that need to be worked out before it can be posted online. Once it is finalized in the coming weeks, a mass email will be sent to licensees to notify them of the report, along with a direct link to the report.

**5. Adjournment-**

At 10:22 am a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by G. Poppe seconded by G. Craig and approved unanimously.