

North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Division of Water Quality

Beverly Eaves Perdue Governor

Coleen H. Sullins Director

Dee Freeman Secretary

April 1, 2011

MEMORANDUM

To:

Secretary Dee Freeman

From:

Coleen Sulling

Subject: Recommendation for Two Reappointments to the Water Pollution Control System

Operators Certification Commission

It is requested that you confirm the following recommended appointments to the Water Pollution Control System Operators Certification Commission (WPCSOCC). These persons have been nominated, their qualifications verified and they have stated a willingness to continue to serve as members of the WPCSOCC.

It is requested that Mr. Robert Dodson and Mr. Gale D. Howell, Jr. be reappointed as members of the WPCSOCC. Their current terms expire June 30, 2011. Their new terms will be effective July 1, 2011 and expire June 30, 2014. Mr. Dodson is Superintendent of Treatment Plants for the City of Durham, NC. His appointment fulfills the requirement for a certified wastewater treatment plant operator/supervisor of a NC municipal wastewater treatment facility. Gale D. Howell, Jr. is Environmental/Safety Manager at United Chemi-Con, Inc. in Lansing, NC, and fulfills the requirement of an employee of a private industry who is responsible for supervising the treatment or pretreatment of industrial wastewater. They have both volunteered for reappointment and are willing to serve another three year term as members of the WPCSOCC.

Biographies for each of these persons are attached.

It is recommended that the appointments to the Water Pollution Control System Operators Certification Commission listed above be confirmed by you to be presented as an action item at the next scheduled Environmental Management Commission meeting.



Biographical Information about Reappointed WPCSOCC—Members 2011

Robert Dodson

Mr. Dodson has spent nearly 26 years in water and wastewater management and the last thirteen years in his current position as Superintendent of Treatment Plants for the City of Durham. He is the Operator in Responsible Charge (ORC) for the South Durham Water Reclamation Facility. Prior to this, he was a lab technician and plant operator in the Durham Water Resources Department.

Mr. Dodson is certified by the NC-WPCSOCC as a Grade IV Wastewater Operator, Land Application Operator and a Subsurface System Operator. He is also a member of the AWWA/WEA (Water Environment Federation) and NC Professional Wastewater Operators Association. He has received many awards throughout his career such as the Wilbur E. Long, Jr.-Operator of the Year Award and the Water Environment Federation-William D. Hatfield Award.

He was first sworn into membership on the WPCSOCC July 2000 and reappointed for a full term in July 2002, 2005 and 2008. Mr. Dodson has been an active and involved member of the WPCSOCC and is currently Vice-Chairman of this Commission.

Gale D. Howell, Jr.

Mr. Gale D. Howell, Jr. has 23 years experience in management and operation of wastewater treatment programs at various levels. He is experienced in dealing with environmental and safety regulations at the federal, state and local levels, including being certified as an instructor in compliance of these regulations. He is currently serving as Operator in Responsible Charge (ORC) at two wastewater treatment facilities in NC.

United Chemi-Con, Inc., Lansing, NC currently employs Mr. Howell as Environmental/Safety Manager. In this position he is responsible for compliance with federal, state and local regulations regarding air and water pollution, solid waste management and chemical release prevention. He also manages training programs for 275 employees in environmental and health & safety areas. He has held this position for ten years.

His previous experience includes nine years as Superintendent of Public Utilities for the Town of West Jefferson and four years as Superintendent of the Town of West Jefferson Wastewater Treatment Facility. He also has four years experience with Hydro Management Services, Inc. as Operations Specialist giving technical and operational support for water and wastewater treatment plants throughout NC.

Mr. Howell served in the US Army and was Infantry Squad Leader. He received a BS Degree from Appalachian State University in 1982.

He is certified by WPCSOCC as Grade IV Biological Wastewater Operator and Grade II Collections System Operator. He is certified by NC Water Facility Operators Certification Commission as C-Well, B-Surface and B-Distribution Operator. He also holds AWWA Voluntary Certification Board Grade C-Water Distribution Operator and Grade C-Meter Technician.

Mr. Howell serves as Wastewater Instructor at Caldwell Community College and Instructor for NC Physical/Chemical Operator School. He also serves as Captain in the West Jefferson Fire Department.