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MEMORANDUM

TO: Utah Water Quality Board
THROUGH: Walter L. Baker, P.E. 
FROM: Judy Etherington, Wastewater Certification Program Coordinator
DATE: January 14, 2016
SUBJECT: Recommendations for Appointments to the 2016–2019 Wastewater Operator Certification Council

As of January 31, 2016, the terms of service for three members of the Wastewater Operator Certification Council will expire. Those individuals who have served for the past three years are: Kerry Eppich, representing wastewater management; and Dan James and Richard Jex, representing wastewater treatment operators (shown as "vacant" on the following table.)

By current administrative rule the make-up of the *seven-member* Council is as follows:

Representation	Member
Wastewater treatment operator (1)	<i>Vacant</i>
Wastewater treatment operator (2)	<i>Vacant</i>
Wastewater collection operator (3)	Tom Pendley
Wastewater collection operator (4)	Lawrence Burton
Municipal wastewater management	<i>Vacant</i>
At large: Education / Vocational Training / Private Sector (1)	Dr. Michael McFarland
At large: Education / Vocational Training / Private Sector (2)	Dr. James Callison

With the change in the certification rule, and the way the representation assignments were adjusted to implement it, the terms of both "treatment" operators now expire in the same year, and both "collection" operators' terms also expire in the same year. The Certification Council recommends that the assignments be adjusted once again to allow one "treatment" and one "collection" representative to serve simultaneous terms. To facilitate that recommendation, Tom

Pendley, who currently represents "collection" operators, has volunteered to change assignments and fill one of the "treatment" positions for the balance of his current term. In anticipation of that adjustment, the division solicited recommendations from the Utah League of Cities and Towns; four universities in Utah; the Utah Association of Special Districts; the Water Environment Association of Utah (WEAU); and the Rural Water Association of Utah (RWAU). A request for recommendations was also included in a recent Water Quality Actions listserv mailing. Council members may be reappointed.

Upon consideration of the recommendations submitted, we recommend that *Kerry Eppich* be reappointed to fill the vacancy "representing municipal wastewater management"; *Giles Demke* be appointed to fill one vacancy "representing wastewater treatment operators"; *Tom Pendley* (currently representing collection operators) be reassigned to fill the other position "representing wastewater treatment operators"; and *Gordon Evans* be appointed to fill the position "representing wastewater collection operators." The terms for the new appointments would begin February 1, 2016, and continue through January 31, 2019.

The proposed composition of the Council would be:

Representation	Member
Wastewater treatment operator (1)	<i>Tom Pendley (reassigned)</i>
Wastewater treatment operator (2)	<i>Giles Demke (new)</i>
Wastewater collection operator (3)	<i>Gordon Evans (new)</i>
Wastewater collection operator (4)	Lawrence Burton
Municipal wastewater management	<i>Kerry Eppich (reappointed)</i>
At large: Education / Vocational Training / Private Sector (1)	Dr. Michael McFarland
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