

State Well Drillers and Pump Installers Examining and Advisory Board Activity For March 2008

The March 18, 2008 Board meeting was cancelled due to the inability to obtain a quorum. Therefore, all business that required action by Board members was handled via email and telephone between March 11, 2008 and May 6, 2008. All Board members (Fred Sickels, Karl Muessig, Norman Primost, Richard Dalton, Anthony Tirro, Peter Demicco, Joe Pepe, and Art Becker) participated in voting on licensing activities.

Licensing Activities:

- **April 2008 Well Drilling Exams:**

Board members unanimously approved the roster of applicants for the Journeyman, Journeyman B, and Master Well Driller exams scheduled for April 2008.

- **Daniel Callahan Pump Installer Exam Challenge:**

Mr. Callahan's January 27, 2008 letter (copy attached) notes that he failed his December 2007 Pump Installer's Exam. Additionally, he states that after he reviewed his test with Bureau of Water Systems & Well Permitting Staff (Bureau), he "realized there is a dilemma with some of the questions that were marked incorrect." He requested that the Board review three (3) questions in the technical section. Mr. Callahan failed this section of the test by one percentage point and received a score of 90 on the regulatory section.

First challenge question:

F. Sickels, R. Dalton, A. Becker, P. Demicco, J. Pepe (5 total) voted that the question was scored correctly, and points should not be awarded for the applicant's answer.

N. Primost, K. Muessig, and A. Tirro (3 total) voted that the question be omitted entirely. The scoring of this question will remain unchanged.

Second challenge question:

F. Sickels, K. Muessig, N. Primost, R. Dalton., A. Tirro, P. Demicco, J. Pepe (7 total) voted that question was scored correctly, and points should not awarded for the applicant's answer. A. Becker abstained, stating that he does not specialize in pump installation and did not feel comfortable commenting on the question.

The scoring of this question will remain unchanged.

Third challenge question:

The Board unanimously voted that the applicant should not be awarded points for his answer. The scoring of this question will remain unchanged.

Mr. Callahan's exam score will remain the same as initially scored. Bureau staff will send him a written response regarding the Board's decision. Email and telephone correspondence between Board members and Bureau staff is attached as "Attachment A."

Note: Mr. Callahan's application for the June 2008 pump installer's exam was received and held by the Bureau pending a Board decision regarding the grading of his December 2007 exam. Once the final Board vote was obtained, the Bureau notified Mr. Callahan via

telephone that he would have to take the upcoming exam and subsequently processed his application.

Attachment A

Board activity via telephone (clarification of initial emails by A. Tirro and J. Pepe only)

April 11, 2008-

A. Tirro states that no credit should be awarded for any of the three questions

May 6, 2008-

J. Pepe states that he stands by his initial email response. After reading through the additional references and email correspondence between Board members and Bureau staff, he still feels that no credit should be awarded for any of the questions.

•Email correspondence from A. Tirro, J. Pepe, and all other Board members can be found in Attachment B.