

South Carolina Environmental Certification Board 2016 Newsletter

Meeting Dates

The SC Environmental Certification Board will meet at the SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 108, Columbia, SC, at 10 a.m. on the following dates:

- September 6, 2016
- November 8, 2016



Board Members

Elizabeth L. Williams-Chairman
Charles E. Cortez
Robert G. Davis, Jr.
Stacy K. Taylor
Douglas B. Kinard
Ken Rentiers
James E. Rodgers, Jr.
Phillip A. Thompson-King
Sidney "Ken" Tuck, Jr.

Represents Teaching Institution
Represents Water Distribution Operators
Represents P/C Wastewater Operators
At-Large Designee
Represents DHEC
Represents Department of Natural Resources
Represents Well Drillers
Represents Biological Wastewater Operators
Represents Water Treatment Operators

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Board Office Hours

The Board is open Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., except on the following State holidays:

- Monday, July 4, 2016, for Independence Day.
- Monday, September 5, 2016, for Labor Day.
- Friday, November 11, 2016, for Veteran's Day.
- Thursday - Friday, November 24-25, 2016, for Thanksgiving Day.
- Friday - Tuesday, December 23-27, 2016, for Christmas Day.



License Renewals Due by June 30, 2016

Licensees were mailed “reminder” cards the first week of April. These cards include a confidential user identification and password that are required to access the online system. You must have a credit card (MasterCard or Visa) or checking account to renew online. The online renewal system is compatible with Internet Explorer 7 or higher. The Board encourages you to join many of your fellow licensees by utilizing the secure online renewal system!

Paper renewal forms are also available at www.llronline.com/POL/Environmental. You must submit the completed 2016-2017 renewal form with a check or money order or your paperwork will be returned unprocessed.

Please contact the Board at (803) 896-4430 or at Contact.Environmental@llr.sc.gov with questions regarding the renewal process.

Check Out the Board's Online Services

LLR offers licensees many great online services. You can check the status of your application, change your address, and print pocket cards. You can avoid paying \$5 for a duplicate pocket card by printing one right from the website. To access online services, you will need the user identification and password provided with your “reminder” card for renewal.

<https://eservice.llr.sc.gov/SecurePortal/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fSecurePortal%2findex.aspx>.

The Board Wants to Remind You

- Renewal payments must be submitted by June 30, 2016. A penalty of **\$200** per license applies after that date.
- Exams are administered by Applied Measurement Professionals (AMP), twice a day, Monday through Saturday. If you need to schedule an exam, please contact AMP at 1-800-345-6559 or www.goAMP.com.

For Exam Study Materials, click on this link: www.abccert.org/testing_services/study_guides.asp or <http://www.llronline.com/POL/environmental/index.asp?file=licensure.htm>.

- **12 hours of continuing education must be completed by June 30, 2017.**
- Home address changes and employment changes can be made online or by mail. Employment changes must be submitted within 15 days.
- You can submit applications online! Online applications are a fast, easy, and secure way to submit for certification to the Department. Please visit www.llronline.com/POL/Environmental/ to start the application process. You may also apply with a paper application. All applications are available at: www.llronline.com/POL/Environmental/index.asp?file=pub.htm.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to wait a year to take the next exam?

No. If you are in good standing with the Board, you only have to wait a period of 7 business days to apply for the next exam.

When will I receive my renewal forms?

“Reminder” cards are mailed out the first week of April each year. Reminder cards contain your log in information for online renewal payments, which are faster and easier.

Do I have to pay a fee to be upgraded to a level of certification?

No. However, you will need for the “Operator of Record,” to submit an Experience Verification for the level of certification you are requesting.

www.llronline.com/POL/Environmental/DOTForms/ExperienceVerificationInstructions.pdf .

Does South Carolina have a reciprocity agreement with other states? How do I apply for reciprocity?**What are the requirements?**

South Carolina does not have an agreement with any state; reciprocity is determined on an individual basis. The Board must first receive a complete application with a check or money order for \$50. Once your application is processed, a questionnaire form will be submitted to the reciprocating state regarding verification of licensure information. To be considered for certification via reciprocity, your license must be current in that state with no disciplinary actions.

Are well drillers required to have a bond?

Yes. well drillers are required to furnish proof of a \$25,000 surety bond. A list of bonding companies and a sample bond can be found on the Board’s website at:

<http://www.llr.state.sc.us/PO/Environmental/index.asp>

The Bond must show:

1. The applicant maintains a current bond in his/her own name.
2. The applicant is a bona fide employee of a corporation that maintains a current bond in the corporate name.
3. The applicant is a bona fide employee of a licensed well driller.

Are you required to send the “original” bond or can you submit a copy of the bond?

You must submit the “Original” bond with the raised seal. The Board does not accept copies.

What is a Bond Acknowledgement Form, and am I required to submit it along with the bond?

Yes. This certifies that all well drillers employed by this company are operating under this bond.



Learn More about Continuing Education

The Board frequently updates its website with continuing education providers. The Board encourage you to utilize this resource.

For additional information on courses that are relevant to water and/or wastewater treatment facilities, please refer to the ABC's CE Course Topic Criteria available at:

www.abccert.org/abc_certification_program/Renew_your_ABC_Certification.asp .

Are you unsure of the CE requirements for SC? Additional information is available at:

www.llronline.com/POL/Environmental/index.asp?file=ECONTED.HTM

Meet the Board

Elizabeth L. Williams – Chairman

Elizabeth Williams has worked at Central Carolina Technical College for more than 10 years and is currently the Dean of Workforce Development and the South Carolina Environmental Training Center (SCETC). The SCETC is dedicated to providing training programs for water and wastewater operators in South Carolina and throughout the southeast.

She earned her Bachelor's degree in environmental agriculture from Tennessee Technological University and a Master of Science in biosystems engineering technology from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. She has completed a graduate Certificate in Higher Education from the University of South Carolina.

Elizabeth is active on the local and state level with the Water Environment Association of South Carolina. She has served as the educational representative to the Environmental Certification Board since 2008 and is currently the chair.



Ken Rentiers – Vice Chairman

Ken Rentiers is Deputy Director and heads the Land, Water and Conservation Division of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources headquartered in Columbia. Rentiers oversees, develops, and implements policies and programs that study, manage, and conserve the state's land and water resources.

Prior to joining DNR, Rentiers was the State Executive Director for the USDA's Farm Service Agency, and Confidential Assistant to President George W. Bush from 2001-2009. From 1990 through 2001, he served on the United States Senate staff of U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond in several capacities including Legislative Assistant, Director of Constituent Services, and Counsel to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Rentiers is a veteran of the United States Navy, serving from 1981-1987. He retired from Federal service in January 2009.

Rentiers holds a Bachelor's degree in political science from the College of Charleston, and earned his Juris Doctor degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law. He is married to the former Ann Everett of Augusta, Georgia. They have one son, Jack, and live in Columbia.

Charles E. Cortez

Charles Cortez serves as the general manager for Big Creek Water District and Hammond Water District in Anderson County, where he has been for 13 years. He previously served as the director for the City of Barnwell for 12 years. Cortez holds licenses as an 'A' level Water Treatment Operator, an 'A' level Water Distribution Operator, and an 'A' level Biological Wastewater Treatment Operator. He holds a Bachelor's degree in business administration and has more than 25 years of service in the water/wastewater industry.

Cortez has also served as an instructor for Utility Management Certification, and a SCRWA member of the Distribution Operation Certification Committee. Cortez is also a SC AWWA and WEA Voluntary Certification Committee Class 'A' Wastewater Collection System Operator, a board member of Anderson Regional Joint Water System, an advisory board member for First Citizens Bank of Williamston, and has served as a deacon in his church for 15 years. Cortez has been married for 25 years, and has three daughters. His hobbies include golf, hunting, and fishing.

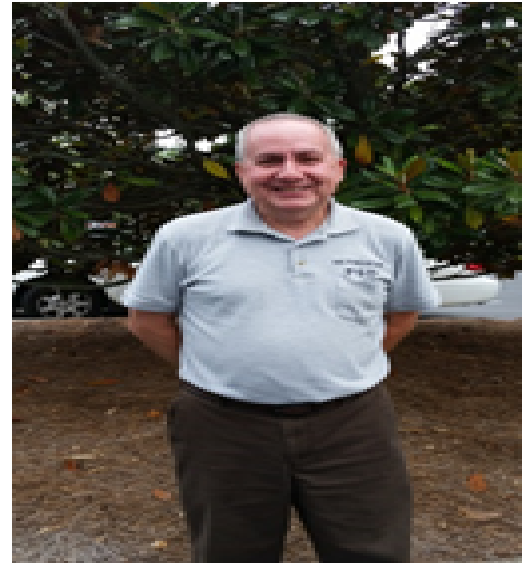


Douglas B. Kinard

Doug Kinard is a graduate of Clemson University with a degree in civil engineering and is a registered professional engineer in South Carolina. He worked for five years in the utility design and construction business before joining the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in November, 1991. He has been in the drinking water program at DHEC for more than 24 years and is currently the director of the Drinking Water Protection Division. He is a lifelong resident of Pomaria.

Robert G. Davis

Bob Davis is currently the Recycled Water superintendent at Hilton Head Public Service District. Bob's responsibilities include wastewater collection, wastewater treatment, and the recycled water operations that send water to irrigate various golf courses in Hilton Head. Prior to this recent change, he was Director of Operations for Georgetown County Water & Sewer District. He had been at GCWSD for six years, four of those years as Wastewater Operations Supervisor. Bob's earlier work experience includes 36 years at International Paper, where he retired as an environmental engineer at the Georgetown mill in 2009. He is a graduate of Coastal Carolina University with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. He holds an 'A' level SC Water Treatment License, an 'A' level SC Water Distribution License, an 'A' level SC Physical/Chemical Wastewater Treatment License, and an 'A' level SC Biological Wastewater Treatment License.



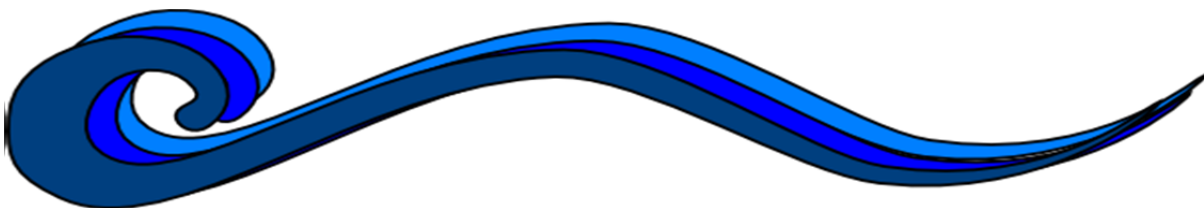
Bob is married to his wife Susan and lives in Pawleys Island. His son is a lieutenant with the North Myrtle Beach Fire Department, and his daughter is a student at Savannah College of Art & Design.

**Phillip A. Thompson-King**

Phillip A. Thompson-King is the Executive Director for the Chester Sewer District. He previously served as the Chester Sewer District's Assistant Director/Chief Operations Officer for 15 years, as the supervisor of Wastewater Operations for the City of Rock Hill's Manchester Creek WWTP, and at the City of Columbia Metro-Wastewater Treatment Facility. Thompson-King holds certifications in biological wastewater treatment, physical/chemical wastewater treatment, and water certifications.

Thompson-King holds a Bachelor's degree in public policy administration from Winthrop University. He is a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., the Water Environmental Federation, WEASC (Catawba District), AWWA SC, WQA SC, 5-S Society of South Carolina, and the Chester Chapter of Rotary International.

Thompson-King has been married to his wife, Wanda, for nearly 24 years, and they have one son. He is actively involved in a number of other professional and civic organizations.



Sidney “Ken” Tuck, Jr.

Ken Tuck is the Director of Water Treatment for Spartanburg Water, where he is responsible for directing and overseeing the operations and maintenance of the company's surface water intakes, drinking water treatment facilities, reclaimed water treatment facilities, sludge, biosolids and residuals management, hydroelectric generation facilities and reservoir and impoundment systems. Tuck is directly responsible for an annual operating budget of \$11 million, an annual depreciation budget of \$2 million, and a current capital improvement schedule of approximately \$45 million.



A graduate of Wofford College, he has more than 24 years of experience in environmental management, biological sciences, emergency response and water treatment. Prior to his employment with Spartanburg Water, Tuck held positions with the Nature Conservancy, South Carolina Waterfowl Association, and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. He is the past chairman of the SCAWWA / WEASC Emergency Preparedness Committee, and the past chair of both the Water Resources Committee in South Carolina and Interstate Water Issues Confluence Conference Steering Committee. Tuck serves on the Executive Board of the Spartanburg County Historical Association. He is active in his local community, and routinely participates in a variety of volunteer initiatives. Tuck is an avid hunter and fisherman and loves to spend time in the great outdoors with his wife (Alma) and two grandchildren (Kailey and Grant).

**James E. Rodgers Jr.**

Jimmie Rodgers is the Owner and President of his family-run business, Rodgers Well Drilling. Born and raised in the Emerald City, Jimmie has been proud to call Greenwood home his entire life. After graduating from Greenwood High School, he attended the Citadel Military College. In 1975, he graduated with a degree in education and spent time teaching before going to work for the family business. His father made him a partner in 1992. During this time, Jimmie also tended to the family farm. Over the past 40 years he has been an active member of the SCGWA—serving on the Board of Directors and four terms as President— as well as the NGWA and ECB.

When he isn't on the back of a well rig, Jimmie enjoys spending time with family, friends and learning how to shag. Jimmie has a daughter, Burgess, a son, Jay, and a new grandson, Hughes.

Stacy K. Taylor

Stacy Taylor is a shareholder with the McNair Law Firm and has more than 15 years of experience in environment and natural resources law. He represents regional, national, and international clients in the full range of environmental legal affairs, including corporate transactions, property acquisitions, development projects, brownfields redevelopment, enforcement actions by state and federal agencies, permitting and permit appeals, NEPA compliance, environmental remediation and cleanup, and toxic tort litigation. He also assists clients with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) compliance, particularly those related to hazardous substances, and defends clients in OSHA investigations.



Stacy graduated *summa cum laude* with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aquaculture, Fisheries, and Wildlife Biology from Clemson University in 1995 and received his Master's degree in Forest Resources from the University of Georgia in 1997. After receiving his J.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2000, Stacy joined Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP where he worked until joining the McNair Law Firm in July of 2015. Stacy is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Environmental Law.

Stacy lives in Chapin with his wife Richele and son Hunter, where he enjoys time on the lake and coaching his son's soccer team.

The Board Says Thank You

On June 30, 2016, the Board will say goodbye to longtime Program Assistant Theresa Garner. Theresa has served the Board for more than 31 years and will be missed dearly by all. The Board wishes her well in retirement and we will always be grateful for her years of dedicated service.

Theresa was recognized by the Board at its April 26, 2016 meeting.

Best Wishes, Theresa!



LICENSURE STATISTICS AS OF MAY 26, 2016

Prefix	Subcategory	Active Licensees
EBL (Biological)	A	936
	B	430
	C	421
	D	544
	T	310
EBW (Bottle Water)		29
EDS (Water Distribution)	A	442
	B	222
	C	372
	D	563
	G	132
	T	363
EPC (Physical/Chemical)	A	413
	B	217
	C	293
	D	605
	T	341
EWD (Well Driller)	A	225
	B	219
	C	41
	D	97
EWT (Water Treatment)	A	610
	B	213
	C	331
	D	433
	E	67
	T	264

Total Active Licenses: 9,133

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