

GM 272

Dana P. Riddle

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in
Wastewater Treatment Plants, Gubernatorial Nominee,
DANA P. RIDDLE, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

February 25, 2009

The Honorable Senator David Y. Ige
State Capitol, Room 215
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Dana Riddle's Nomination to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in
Wastewater Treatment Plants

References for Dana Riddle

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I became a member of the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants in July 2007. I have since become familiar with the procedures and protocols of this Board and have a good understanding of my responsibilities ensure the public health, as well my obligations to employees of the wastewater divisions in Hawaii in general, and the County of Hawaii's wastewater staff in particular.

Hawaii law sets term limits for members of this board, so it is important that members are seasoned in the ways and means in order to guarantee continuity of policy. It is also a necessity that this board works as functioning unit, and this sometimes means some sort of compromise is needed. In short, in order for the board to continue to advise and guide, there must be an understanding of what the board does and does not do, and what it takes to achieve the goals and objectives, and then how to proceed in doing so.

Other than the routine responsibility of representing the County of Hawaii and its wastewater division employees, it is my hope that the board can complete an update of the Hawaii laws governing wastewater plants and their operating personnel. This will require an ability to recognize items in need of revision, an ability to discuss the debating points and know when to compromise if necessary.

I am proud to say that in my 30 years of experience in the environmental protection field, one of the plants I managed won the 'Best in State' award and went to win a regional EPA award. Although I left when just as an expansion of this plant was completed (after 2 years of design and 4 years of construction), it and its staff would go on to win the EPA's National Award. Being Superintendent of this drainage basin allowed me to operate and observe many types of wastewater plants and pumping stations. It was an education that no book could possibly convey.

A potential conflict of interest did arise during my first term, and I chose to recuse myself from any discussion of the matter.

I appreciate the opportunity to represent the County of Hawaii and hope to serve a second term.

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



CHARLES DAWRS
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The Honorable David Y. Ige
Chair, Committee on Health
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants
Testimony for Board Nominees

Dear Chair Ige:

We understand that on March 11, 2009 the Committee on Health will hold a confirmation hearing on nominees to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants ("Board").

We ask for your committee's support of the following nominees to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants:

Kenneth Knapp; and
Dana Riddle

Mr. Knapp and Mr. Riddle are currently Board members and are nominated to serve another term. Mr. Knapp is a certified Grade IV (highest) operator employed for the past 12 years by the County of Maui at the Wailuku-Kahului Wastewater Treatment Plant. He served as the Chair of the Board during Fiscal Year 2006-2007. Mr. Riddle is a certified Grade IV operator at the County of Hawaii's Kealakehe Wastewater Treatment Plant in Kona with 30 years of experience in water and wastewater treatment plants in Hawaii and Georgia.


The two nominees have served competently and conscientiously during their terms on the Board and it would be beneficial in the conduct of the Board's affairs to have them return for another term. This will ensure continuity with current Board issues and rule making decisions in the next fiscal year. The Board is actively engaged in proposing needed revisions to Chapter 11-61, Hawaii Administrative Rules, Mandatory Certification of Wastewater Treatment Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants, and having their continued participation in this endeavor is vital.

If confirmed, the nominees will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to Board meetings. We are confident that the nominees will carry out their appointed tasks well. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of the nominees.

Sincerely,



Charles Dawrs

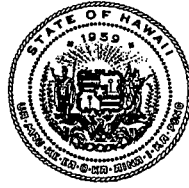


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Chairs, Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

GM 260, and GM 272, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATING PERSONNEL IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEES, KENNETH J. KNAPP AND DANA P. RIDDLE, FOR TERMS TO EXPIRE 6-30-2013

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
Director of Health**

**March 11, 2009
2:45 p.m.**

1 **Department's Position:** Strongly Support

2 **Fiscal Implications:** None

3 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department supports these messages on the Governor's two
4 appointees to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Facilities
5 (Board). The two appointees, Mr. Kenneth J. Knapp and Mr. Dana P. Riddle, are currently serving on
6 the Board and their service has enabled the Board to carry out its duties in implementing the
7 requirements of Hawaii Administrative Rule, Title 11, Chapter 61, Mandatory Certification of
8 Wastewater Treatment Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants. Confirming the appointments will
9 allow the Board to continue to operate and perform its duties.

10 Mr. Kenneth J. Knapp has a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering Degree in Hydrology from
11 Shaftesbury University, London, United Kingdom. He has over 25 years of supervisory and operations
12 experience in the oil refinery and wastewater industry. Mr. Knapp is a Grade 4 certified operator with
13 the County of Maui and is currently working as the supervisor at the Kahului Wastewater Reclamation

1 Facility. He has been a member of the Board for the past four years and serves in the capacity of the
2 Board member representing the Maui County.

3 Mr. Dana P. Riddle is a Grade 4 certified wastewater treatment plant operator with the County of
4 Hawaii and is currently working at the Kealakehe Wastewater Treatment Plant in Kona, Hawaii. He has
5 over 30 years of operation and maintenance experience having worked at both water and wastewater
6 facilities in Hawaii as well as in Georgia. He has been a member of the Board for the past year and
7 represents operators from the Big Island.

8 Thank you for giving us the opportunity to testify before your committee.