



TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Friday, May 23, 2014

Austin-Health and Human Services Commission, MHMR Center

Conference Room 164

909 W. 45th Street, Austin, Texas 78751

Scheduled to convene at 10:30 AM

1. Call to order

John Hageman, C.H.P., Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. A quorum was present. Members present for the meeting: Robert J. Emery, DrPH.; Kenneth Krieger, C.H.P.; Nora Janjan, M.D., M.B.A., MPSA; Stephen Harris; Mark Silberman, M.D.; Ian Hamilton, Ph.D.; Mitch Lucas, P.E.; Darlene Metter, M.D.; Kevin Raabe; Bill Campbell; Mark Pittman, J.D.; John R. Johnson, D.V.M.; Darshan J. Sachde; and Amy Clark

Members not present: Melanie R. Marshall, D.D.S. and David Nichols, M.D. Jay Murphy, P.E. was replaced the day before this meeting by Judith (Judy) Raab.

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Richard Ratliff, P.E.; Monica Perez; Peggy Westlund; Ray Fleming; Ruben Cortez; Lisa Nieman; Alyson Henry; Jerry Cogburn; Lisa Bruedigan; Joann Harthcock; Eric Skotak; Helen Watkins; Mike Rutherford; Keith Waterman; Ann Hammer; and Elizabeth Speights

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff present: Bobby Janecka and Monica Sullivan

Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) staff present: David Cooney

2. Introduction of guests

Guests present: Eddie Selig, Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas; and Bob Wilson, Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission (TLLRWDC); Rick Jacobi, Jacobi Consulting; Roger Mulder, State Energy Conservation Office; Betsy Madru, Waste Control Specialists; Kristin Acker, Pre-Medical Student at Southern Methodist University; and Charles Beasley, Ph.D., University of Texas Health Science Center

3. Adoption of the minutes of the January 31, 2014 meeting

Dr. Hamilton made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Metter seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Committee Reports and Recommendations

A. Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium and Waste (INUW) Committee

Mr. Raabe discussed the committee meeting.

B. Medical Committee

Dr. Metter discussed the committee meeting.

C. Topic Research Committee

Dr. Emery discussed the committee meeting.

5. Program Reports

A. Railroad Commission of Texas

Mr. Cooney discussed the report.

B. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Mr. Janecka discussed the report.

C. Texas Department of State Health Services

Mr. Ratliff discussed the report.

D. Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission

Mr. Wilson presented his report.

E. Roger Mulder – U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, State Liaison Officer

Mr. Mulder presented his report.

6. Old Business

A. Update on the Texas Radiation Regulatory Conference

Mr. Ratliff discussed the updates to the Texas Radiation Regulatory Conference in Austin on September 11 and 12, 2014.

7. New Business

A. Approval of the TRAB's FY-2013 Annual Report to Commissioner Lakey.

Mr. Pittman made a motion to approve TRAB's FY-2013 Annual Report. Mr. Krieger seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed.

B. Inclusion of the State Agencies' written reports to the TRAB on the TRAB's website

Dr. Hamilton made a motion to include the state agencies' written reports on the TRAB website. Ms. Clark seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed.

C. Presentation on the release of radioactive material from the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP)

Mr. Rutherford gave a PowerPoint presentation on the WIPP.

D. Discuss and decide on action items presented by the Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium and Waste Committee

No action items

E. Discuss and decide on action items presented by the Medical Committee

No action items

F. Discuss and decide on action items presented by the Topic Research Committee

No action items

8. Public Comments

None

9. Discussion of Future Meeting Topics

August and September were discussed as possible future dates for the next Board meeting.

10. Adjourn

Dr. Metter thanked Dr. Beasley for speaking at the Medical Committee meeting. Mr. Ratliff stated that Judith Raab has been appointed as a new board member. Mr. Hageman adjourned the meeting at 12:46 p.m.