



TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Friday, September 19, 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, M.S., C.H.P., Chair, called the meeting to order at 10.38 a.m. A quorum was present. Members present for the meeting: Nora Anita Janjan, M.D., Vice Chair; Darshan J. Sachde; Melanie Marshall D.D.S.; David Nichols, M.D.; Judith M. Raab; John Johnson, D.V.M.; Darlene Metter, M.D.; Kenneth V. Krieger C.H.P.; Bill Campbell; Mark T. Pittman; Kevin Raabe; Stephen L. Harris; and Amy M. Clark via telephone conference.

Members not present: Ian Scott Hamilton, Ph.D.; and Robert J. Emery, DrPH, Mark Silberman, M.D.; and Mitch Lucas

DSHS staff present: Richard Ratliff, P.E. Liz Speights, Ray Fleming, Ruben Cortez, Jo Turkette, Alyson Henry, Laura Pfefferle, Jerry Cogburn, Lisa Bruedigan, Joann Harthcock, Helen Watkins, Chuck Flynn, Eric Skotak, and Robert Free.

TCEQ staff present: Bobby Janecka

Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) staff present: Leslie Savage and Grant Chambless

2. Introduction of Guests

Guests present: Eddie Selig, Advocates for responsible Disposal in Texas, Bob Wilson and Leigh Ing, TX Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact commission (TLLRWDC); Rick Jacobi, Jacobi Consulting; and Betsy Madru, Waste Control Specialist.

3. Adoption of the minutes of the May 23, 2014 meeting

Dr. Janjan made a motion to approve the minutes with changes. Mr. Raabe seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Election of Officers for 2014; Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary

Mr. Pittman, Chair of the Nominating Committee, read the nominations. Mr. Hageman was nominated for Chairman, Dr. Janjan was nominated for Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Pittman was nominated for Secretary. Mr. Raabe made a motion to accept the nominations by acclamation. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion and the officers were elected. Mr. Hageman and Dr. Janjan abstained from voting.

5. Committee Reports and Recommendations

A. Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium and Waste Committee

Mr. Raabe discussed the report

B. Medical Committee

Dr. Metter discussed the report

C. Topic Research Committee

Dr. Janjan discussed the report

6. Program Reports

A. Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC)

Ms. Savage discussed the report.

B. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

Mr. Janecka discussed the report.

C. Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Mr. Ratliff discussed the report.

D. Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission (TLLRWDC)

Mr. Wilson presented an oral report.

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

Mr. Mulder was not present and no report was given.

7. Old Business

A. Update on the success of Texas Radiation Regulatory Conference, in Austin, TX, September 11 and 12, 2014, presented by the DSHS in coordination with TCEQ, RRC and South Texas Chapter of the Health Physics Society

Mr. Ratliff discussed the success of the conference. There were approximately 400 attendees at this conference.

B. The State Agencies' written reports to the TRAB have been added to the TRAB's website

Mr. Ratliff advised the TRAB reports are now available on the TRAB website.

C. Updates on the WIPP Facility Waste Issues and its Waste Stored at WCS – DSHS, Mike Rutherford

Mr. Free presented the updates on the WIPP facility waste issues.

8. New Business

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

Mr. Raabe read a written advisory statement on storage of spent nuclear fuel in Texas. Mr. Harris motioned to adopt the advisory statement with typographical corrections for display on the TRAB website after any typographical and format corrections are made. Dr. Metter seconded the motion and the advisory statement was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Raabe read a written advisory statement on disposal of low level radioactive waste (sealed source). Mr. Krieger motioned to adopt the advisory statement for display on the TRAB website after any typographical and format corrections are made. Mr. Harris seconded the motion and the advisory statement was unanimously adopted.

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

Dr. Metter motioned to adopt the advisory statement on the National Registry for Radiation Exposure during Healthcare Procedures for display on the TRAB website after any necessary typographical and format corrections are made. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and the advisory statement was unanimously approved.

Dr. Metter motioned to allow the Medical Committee to send out requests for surveys regarding what other organizations are doing regarding these new proposed rulemakings. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

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

Mr. Free and Mr. Ratliff will present information on second responders to radiological events contrasting facility preparedness for areas not near a nuclear plant and not along the WIPP transportation corridor with those sites that should be more prepared for such an event. This presentation will be to the full Board.

9. Public Comments

None

10. Discussion of Future Meeting Topics

None

11. Adjourn

Mr. Hageman adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.