



TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Friday, February 8, 2013

Austin-Health and Human Services Commission, MHMR Center

Conference Room 164

909 W. 45th St. 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 10:36 a.m. A quorum was present. Members present for the meeting: Kenneth Krieger, C.H.P.; Robert Emery, D.Ph.; Jay Murphy, P.E.; Darlene Metter, M.D.; Mitch Lucas, P.E.; Kevin Raabe; Nora Janjan, M.D., M.B.A., MPSA; Mark Pittman J.D.; Rosana G. Moreira, Ph.D.; Amy Clark; Stephen Harris; and Ian Hamilton, Ph.D.

Members not present: Mark Silberman, M.D.; Melanie Marshall, D.D.S.; Brad Bunn; David Nichols, M.D.; and Bill Campbell

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Richard Ratliff, P.E.; Barbara Taylor; Ray Fleming; Scott Kee; Charlotte Sullivan; Lisa Bruedigan; Darice Bailey; Lisa Nieman; Jo Turkette; Alyson Henry; Jerry Cogburn; Robert Free; and Chris Myers

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff present: Charles McGuire

Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) staff present: David Cooney and Michael Sims

2. Introduction of guests

Guests present: Eddie Selig, Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas; Roger Mulder, State Energy Conservation Office; and Bob Wilson, Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission (TLLRWDC)

3. Adoption of the minutes of the December 7, 2012 meeting

Dr. Emory made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Hamilton seconded the motion and the minutes were approved. Ms. Clark abstained from voting.

4. Committee Reports and Recommendations

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

Mr. Raabe discussed the committee meeting. A recommendation is made under agenda item 7.A.

B. Medical Committee

Dr. Metter discussed the committee meeting. Dr. Metter briefly discussed the future topic of Computerized Tomography use for diagnostic images.

5. Program Reports

A. Railroad Commission of Texas

Mr. Cooney discussed the program report.

B. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Mr. McGuire discussed the program report.

C. Texas Department of State Health Services

Mr. Ratliff discussed the program report.

D. Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission

Mr. Wilson provided an oral report.

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

Mr. Mulder discussed the program report.

6. Old Business

A. Overview of the scope and limitations of TRAB's advisory duties under HSC §401.019 and discussion regarding implementation of duties

Ms. Nieman provided guidance to the members of the TRAB on the scope of the Boards advisory duties.

7. New Business

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

Mr. Raabe made a motion that TCEQ rule 30 TAC §336.227 move forward in the rule-making process. Mr. Krieger seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

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

No action items.

C. Discussion on food irradiation

Dr. Moreira provided a PowerPoint presentation on food irradiation.

D. Discussion on proactive prevention of accidental overexposures related to well logging and industrial radiography, due to increased oil production activities in Texas

Mr. Free provided a PowerPoint presentation on incidents and overexposures related to oil and gas production.

E. Resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the agreement between Texas and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Mr. Krieger made a motion to adopt the resolution commending the DSHS and the TCEQ for the 50th anniversary of Texas being an Agreement State with the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Mr. Raabe seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

F. Consideration of proposed TCEQ rule 30 TAC §336.227 titled “Radioactive Tracers Used in the Exploration, Development or Production of Oil or Gas or Geothermal Resources”

This was proposed under agenda item 7.A.

G. Discussion regarding creation of new Topic Research Committee

Mr. Hageman asked Dr. Hamilton to Chair this new committee. Other members of the committee will include Ms. Clark, Dr. Emory, Mr. Hageman, and Dr. Janjan.

8. Public Comments

None

9. Discussion of Future Meeting Topics

Mr. Ratliff will send out a quorum call to determine the next meeting date.

10. Adjourn

Mr. Hageman adjourned the meeting at 12:31 p.m.