



TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

November 4, 2011 Board Meeting

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, TX 78753

Conference Room E201S, Located in Bldg. E

Scheduled to Convene at 10:30 AM

1. Call to order

John Hageman, C.H.P., Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. A quorum was present. Members present for the meeting: Kenneth Krieger, C.H.P. (via telephone); Robert Emery, Dr.P.H.; Bill Campbell; Amy Clark; Mark Silberman, M.D.; Jay Murphy, P.E.; David Nichols, M.D.; Mitch Lucas, P.E.; Brad Bunn; Darlene Metter, M.D.; Nora Janjan, M.D., M.B.A., MPSA; Mark Pittman J.D.; Stephen Harris; Kevin Raabe; and Ian Hamilton, Ph.D.

Members not present: Rosana G. Moreira, Ph.D.; and Melanie Marshall, D.D.S.

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Richard Ratliff, P.E.; Alice Rogers, P.E.; Barbara Taylor; Carolyn Wright; Shannon Edson; Ray Fleming; Ruben Cortez; Helen Watkins; Lisa Bruedigan; Lisa Nieman; Jo Turkette; Jerry Cogburn and Chris Myers

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff present: Susan Jablonski and Gary Smith

Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) staff present: Leslie Savage

2. Introduction of guests

Guests present: Eddie Selig, Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas; Pete Myers, South Texas Chapter of the Health Physics Society; Roger Mulder, State Energy Conservation Office; Bob Wilson, Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission; Betsy Bird, representing State Senator Kel Seliger

3. Approval of the August 19, 2011 meeting minutes

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

4. Committee Reports and Recommendations

A. Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium and Waste Committee

Mr. Raabe briefed the board on the committee meeting. The committee had no recommendations for the full board.

B. Medical Committee

Dr. Metter briefed the board on the committee meeting. The committee had 2 recommendations for the full board. The committee recommended that §289.227 move forward in the rulemaking process with the following changes to section m of §289.227:

- Online training is to be allowed for the 8 hours of required training
- Change the 1 hour of hands-on device specific training to say “1 hour of fluoroscopic machine training”
- Radiation Safety training must be completed within 2 years of the effective date of the rule for each physician performing fluoroscopic guided interventional procedures. 2 years after the effective date of this rule, the registrant shall ensure that prior to performing fluoroscopic guided interventional procedures; each physician shall complete the radiation safety awareness training.

The committee recommended that the board support this statement: “The Texas Radiation Advisory Board and its Medical Committee support the concept of a radiation safety culture awareness regarding radiation exposure in medical imaging.”

5. Program Reports

A. Railroad Commission of Texas

Ms. Savage briefed the board on the Memorandum of Understanding between the RRC and DSHS.

B. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Ms. Jablonski briefed the board on the program report.

C. Texas Department of State Health Services

Mr. Ratliff briefed the board on the program report. Ms. Wright discussed meetings and lobbying with the board members. Ms. Wright explained scenarios in which illegal meetings can occur.

D. Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission

Mr. Wilson briefed the board on the status of the Compact Commission.

E. Roger Mulder - US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, State Liaison Officer

Mr. Mulder discussed topics from the State Liaison Officers meeting in Rockville, Maryland.

6. New Business

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

Dr. Nichols made a motion to approve the changes to §289.227 that were discussed in the Medical Committee report. Mr. Krieger seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved the changes. Dr. Janjan made a motion that the §289.227 rules move forward in the rulemaking process. Dr. Hamilton seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved the rules move forward. Dr. Metter made a motion that the board supports the statement: “The Texas Radiation Advisory Board and its Medical Committee support the concept of a radiation safety culture

awareness regarding radiation exposure in medical imaging”. Dr. Janjan seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved the support of the statement.

B. Department of State Health Services proposed rule changes to 25 Texas Administrative Code, §289.227 concerning “Use of Radiation Machines in the Healing Arts”

The rule changes were discussed during the Medical Committee report.

C. Resolution commending Ms. Carolyn Wright, J.D, for her superb legal counsel for the TRAB

Mr. Hageman read a resolution commending the work of Ms. Wright.

7. Public Comments

Betsy Bird, representing State Senator Kel Seliger, stated that she was available to answer questions regarding legislation, specifically Senate Bill 1504 or Senate Bill 1605.

8. Discussion of Future Meetings’ Topics

February 17 or February 24.

9. Adjourn

Mr. Hageman adjourned the meeting at 12:14 p.m.