



TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
INDUSTRIAL, NUCLEAR POWER, URANIUM AND WASTE COMMITTEE

Department of State Health Services, 8407 Wall Street in the Exchange Building,
Room N-220, Austin, Texas
Friday, August 19, 2011
9:00 AM

1. Call to Order

Mitch Lucas, P.E., Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present. Members present for the meeting: Kenneth Krieger, C.H.P.; John Hageman, C.H.P.; Amy Clark; Jay Murphy, P.E.; and Rosana G. Moreira, Ph.D. Members absent: Stephen Harris; Kevin Raabe; and Ian Hamilton, Ph.D.

2. Introduction of guests

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Ray Fleming

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff present: Don Redmond and Gary Smith, Ph.D.

Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) staff present: David Cooney and Courtney Cherry

Guests present: Eddie Selig, Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas

3. Adoption of the minutes of the May 20, 2011 meeting.

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Hageman seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Old Business

Further consideration of the TCEQ and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Drinking Water Standards for radium-226 and uranium and discuss the TRAB Advisory on this issue

Mr. Hageman congratulated all of the committee members for doing a good job on the advisory paper.

5. New Business

**A. Discuss TCEQ proposed rules, 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 336:
Radioactive Substance Rules**

Mr. Redmond briefed the committee on the proposed rule. Mr. Krieger made a motion to recommend this rule move forward in the rule making process. Ms. Moreira seconded the motion and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

B. DSHS, proposed rule changes to 25 Texas Administrative Code §289.204, concerning Fees for Certificates of Registration, Radioactive Material Licenses, Emergency Planning and Implementation, and Other Regulatory Services

Mr. Fleming discussed the proposed rule and the changes to fees. Mr. Murphy made a motion to recommend this rule move forward in the rule making process. Mr. Krieger seconded the motion and the committee approved the motion. Mr. Hageman abstained from voting.

C. Report on EPA’s public hearing in Goliad on aquifer exemptions

Mr. Smith and Mr. Redmond discussed the public meeting.

D. Discuss options for groundwater institutional controls at uranium mill tailings sites

Mr. Smith discussed this topic with the committee.

E. Discuss “Safety Culture” related to Texas licensees

Mr. Smith discussed safety culture with the committee.

6. Public Comments

None

7. Formulate recommendations on any agenda items to be considered by the full Board

The committee voted during the meeting to recommend that 30 TAC Chapter 336 and 25 TAC §289.204 move forward in the rulemaking process.

8. Adjourn

Mr. Lucas adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m.