



TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Friday, January 31, 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 10:30 a.m. A quorum was present. Members present for the meeting: Kenneth Krieger, C.H.P.; Nora Janjan, M.D., M.B.A., MPSA; Stephen Harris; Mark Silberman, M.D.; Robert Emery, DrPH.; Jay Murphy, P.E.; Ian Hamilton, Ph.D.; Mitch Lucas, P.E.; Darlene Metter, M.D.; Kevin Raabe; Bill Campbell; Rosana G. Moreira, Ph.D.; Mark Pittman J.D.; and David Nichols, M.D.

Members not present: Brad Bunn; Amy Clark; and Melanie Marshall, D.D.S.

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Richard Ratliff, P.E.; Barbara Taylor; Ray Fleming; Ruben Cortez; Lisa Nieman; Jo Turkette; Alyson Henry; Jerry Cogburn; Robert Free; Monica Perez; Peggy Westlund; Lisa Bruedigan; Joann Harthcock; Eric Skotak; Helen Watkins; Mike Rutherford; Elizabeth Speights; and Chris Myers

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff present: Charles Maguire and Bobby Janecka

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

2. Introduction of guests

Guests present: Eddie Selig, Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas; Carolyn Wright, representing herself; and Bob Wilson, Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission (TLLRWDC)

3. Adoption of the minutes of the November 1, 2013 meeting

Dr. Emery 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 (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. Maguire 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 discussed the commission status.
 - E. Roger Mulder – U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, State Liaison Officer**

Mr. Mulder was not present to give his report.

- 6. Old Business**
 - A. Discussion of funding for water systems treatment for radium and uranium, related to the passed Proposition 6**

Mr. Ratliff discussed the funding of radioactive material removal from water treatment systems.

- 7. New Business**
 - A. Presentation on the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) and its impact on Texas**

Mr. Rutherford presented a PowerPoint presentation on the WIPP.
 - B. Cobalt-60 source theft in Mexico related to Texas**

Mr. Free briefed the Board on the status of the incident.
 - C. Discuss and decide on action items presented by the INUW Committee**

Mr. Raabe made a motion to approve the rule package to move forward in the rulemaking process. Mr. Krieger seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the rules to move forward.
 - D. Discuss and decide on action items presented by the Medical Committee**

No action items
 - E. 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**

May and June were discussed as possible future dates for the next Board meeting.

- 10. Adjourn**

Mr. Hageman adjourned the meeting at 12:17 p.m.