



INDUSTRIAL, NUCLEAR POWER, URANIUM and WASTE COMMITTEE
of the TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD (TRAB)
MEETING MINUTES

Austin-Health and Human Services Commission, MHMR Center
Conference Room 164, 909 W. 45th Street, Austin, Texas 78751
Friday, February 5, 2016 at 9:00 AM

1. Call to Order

Kevin Raabe, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Mitch Lucas, Chair, arrived and took over the meeting at 9:15 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members present for the meeting: Mitch Lucas, Chair; John Hageman, M.S., C.H.P.; Judy Raab; Kevin Raabe; Steve Harris; and Darshan Sachde.

Members not present: Ken Krieger, C.H.P.

2. Introduction of guests

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Ruben Cortez, Ray Fleming, Chuck Flynn, Eric Skotak, Stacey McLarty, Liz Speights and Peggy Westlund.

Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ): Charles Maguire, Dana Fine, Catie Arnold

Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas: Eddie Selig

Texas Railroad Commission (RRC): Grant Chambless

Waste Control Specialist (WCS): Betsy Madru

3. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and/or approval of the minutes of the December 4, 2015 TRAB Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium and Waste Committee meeting

Mr. Raabe made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Harris seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Continuing Business:

A. Update and discussion on the Texas Low Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility

Mr. Maguire is awaiting a letter from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) clarifying the jurisdiction of the disposal of greater than Class C waste. Department of Energy is accepting public comments on consent-based siting for high level spent nuclear fuel storage and disposal.

B. Update on EPA's proposed rules in 40 CFR Part 192 regarding in-situ mining of uranium.

Mr. Maguire advised the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed rules are not in sync with NRC regulations. The proposed amendments are on hold until the completion of EPA and NRC reconciliation.

C. Update of NRC's July 25, 2014, Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR), related the current radiation protection regulations

Mr. Flynn had no updates to report.

5. New Business

A. Update on Interim Storage of Spent Fuel activities.

Ms. Madru discussed WCS' plans to submit their application to NRC for storage of spent nuclear fuel, in April 2016.

B. Update on Acquisition of WCS by Energy Solutions.

Ms. Madru advised the Department of Justice is reviewing the acquisition and will probably take another 60-90 days for a decision.

6. Public Comments

None

7. Summarize Committee meeting and recommendations for Committee Report and proposed action items for TRAB

None

8. Identification of Future Meeting Topics for this Committee

None

9. Adjourn

Mr. Lucas adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m.