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Texas Radiation Advisory Board (TRAB) Meeting Agenda

Friday, October 10, 2025, at 10:45 am

Location: For Members of the Public, the physical location of the meeting will be:

Texas Health and Human Services Commission, North Austin Complex, Room 1.401, 4601 West Guadalupe Street, Austin, Texas 78751

Attendees who want to provide public comments may do so in person or in writing, as described in the **Public Comment** section below.

This public meeting will be archived on the Texas Health and Human Services website: <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/about-hhs/communications-events/live-archived-meetings>.

Meeting Notice: The use of artificial intelligence (AI) bots is prohibited in this meeting. In accordance with HHS policy, the use of Artificial Intelligence, also known as "AI" Notetakers, is expressly prohibited. Producers will not admit a 'bot' or other autonomous agent into the meeting. If a 'bot' should inadvertently gain entrance, it will be removed from the meeting by one of our producers.

TRAB will convene as posted to hear, consider, discuss, and take formal action, as applicable and necessary, on the following agenda items, as time allows:

1. Call to order
2. Roll call of TRAB members present
3. Review, discuss, and take possible action concerning the amendment and approval of the July 11, 2025, TRAB Board meeting minutes
4. Public Comments
5. TRAB Committee Reports and Recommendations
 - A. Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium, and Waste Committee
 - B. Medical Committee

- C. Topic Research Committee
- 6. Program Reports
 - A. Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC)
 - B. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
 - C. Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)
Note: The DSHS, RRC, and TCEQ reports are available at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/texas-radiation-control/texas-radiation-advisory-board>
 - D. Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission (TLLRWDC)
 - E. Waste Control Specialists (WCS)
 - F. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission – Bobby Janecka, State Liaison Officer
- 7. Routine and Continuing Business
 - A. Recognition of TRAB members' excused absence from this meeting
 - B. Update of DSHS Rules
- 8. New Business
 - A. Legislative Updates (DSHS & TCEQ)
 - B. Executive Order Related to the Linear No-Threshold and Alara (DSHS)
 - C. Destruction of Forever Chemical PFAs by Ionizing Radiation Presentation (Pillai)
 - D. How the Board Can Help the State of Texas be a leader in the New Nuclear Renaissance (Pate)
 - E. Public Members' Involvement Feedback
 - F. Sunsetting of Topic Research Committee
- 9. Identification of Agenda Items and topics for the next or future TRAB or TRAB Committee Meetings
- 10. Adjourn

Public Comment:

Members of the public are asked to complete a Public Comment Form at:

<https://forms.office.com/r/ywnWyat9WU>

Members of the public who would like to provide public comment may do so in person at the meeting's physical location.

Public members are encouraged to participate in this process by emailing gem.naivar@dshs.texas.gov with written public comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 8, 2025.

- Please include your name and either the organization you represent or if you are speaking as a private citizen.
- Written comments are limited to three minutes and will be read during the meeting for consideration by the Board.

Please mark the correct box on the Public Comment Form to register for oral comments.

Instructions for providing oral comments will be emailed to you.

Registration should be completed by 5:00 pm on October 8, 2025.

- The request must contain your name, either the organization you represent or the fact that you are speaking as a private citizen, and your direct phone number.
- Public comment is limited to three minutes. Speakers must state their names and on whose behalf they are speaking.

Public members using handouts are asked to provide an electronic copy in an accessible Adobe (*.pdf) format that will be distributed by DSHS staff to the TRAB Board members, state staff, and for public distribution. Handouts are limited to two pages (paper size: 8.5" by 11", one side only) of documentation. Handouts must be emailed to DSHS immediately after registering and include the name of the person commenting.

Note: These procedures may be revised at the discretion of DSHS.

Contact persons:

Chair: William Pate; WillPate.TRAB@gmail.com

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At the Chair's discretion, agenda items may be taken in any order, and public comment may be permitted in connection with any agenda item. An individual who wishes to speak on an issue that falls under the Board's jurisdiction shall be heard during the Public Comment agenda item.

This meeting is open to the public.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and require auxiliary aids or services are asked to contact Gem Naivar, Department of State Health Services, at 737-218-7071 or gem.naivar@dshs.texas.gov at least 72 hours before the meeting so that the appropriate arrangements may be made.