TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
TOPIC RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Friday, July 11, 2025
Scheduled to convene at 8:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order

Dr. Darshan Sachde, chair, called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. A quorum was present.

2. Roll call of committee members present.

Members present: Darshan Sachde, PhD; William Pate, DrPH; Sam Kannappan, and Sandra Ramirez

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Joann Harthcock, Walquiria Sanchez, Gem Naivar, Brian Vamvakias, Kaylie Smith, Karl Von Ahn, and Jay Pavlica

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff present: Ashley Forbes

Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM): Luke Cogburn and Jason Johnson

Guests present: Brian Christian, Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas, and Rick Jacobi, Jacobi Consulting

3. Review, discuss, and take possible action concerning the amendment and approval of the TRAB Topic Research Committee meeting minutes for April 25, 2025.

Dr. Pate moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. Public Comments

None

5. Routine and Continuing Business

A. Review and development of TRAB position statements

No Updates.

B. Review of DSHS Rule Changes

Brian Vamvakias gave updates on DSHS rule changes.

6. New Business:

A. Review Texas Advanced Nuclear Reactor Working Group Report

There were no updates on this topic.

B. Updates in the Development of Small Modular Reactors (Kannappan)

C. Identify topics to recommend for further discussion and to be addressed at future meetings of the Topic Research Committee; Medical Committee; Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium, and Waste (INUW) Committee; or TRAB

7. Summarize the TRAB Topic Research Committee meeting and recommendations for the Committee Report and proposed action items for TRAB or future agenda items for TRAB, the Medical Committee, the Topic Research Committee, or the INUW Committee

Dr. Sachde summarized the topics covered in this meeting.

8. **Adjourn**

Mr. Kannappan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Ramirez seconded this motion. Dr. Sachde adjourned the meeting at 8:44 a.m.