



**TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**  
TOPIC RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Friday, November 3, 2023  
Scheduled to convene at 8:30 a.m.

**1. Call to Order**

Mark Harvey, Ph.D., Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

**2. Roll call of committee members present.**

Members present: Roland Benke, Ph.D.; Mark Harvey, Ph.D., William Pate, DrPH; and Tim Powell

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

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

Guests present: David Carlson (Waste Control Specialists)

**3. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and approval of the July 21, 2023 minutes of the TRAB Topic Research Committee meeting minutes.**

Mr. Powell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Pate seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**4. Public Comments**

None

**5. Routine and Continuing Business**

**A. Review of previous TRAB position statement**

No Updates.

**B. Review of DSHS Rule Changes**

Lisa Bruedigan gave updates on DSHS rule changes.

**6. New Business:**

## **A. Remote Laser Inspections**

Ms. Bruedigan presented this topic.

## **B. Other industrial/minimum threat X-ray definition and requirements – ad-hoc committee update**

Ms. Bruedigan suggested that this presentation by DSHS be moved to the full TRAB Board meeting in the interest of time. Mr. Powell made a motion to move this presentation. Dr. Benke seconded the motion. All agreed.

## **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**

Ms. Bruedigan suggested a presentation of interest on High Energy Lasers to be given by the Bush Combat Development Complex from the Texas A&M Rellis Campus which is collaborating with Raytheon.

## **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. Harvey summarized the topics covered in this meeting.

## **8. Adjourn**

Dr. Pate motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Benke seconded this motion. Dr. Harvey adjourned the meeting at 8:51 a.m.