



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, December 9, 2016 at 9:00 AM

1. Call to Order

Mr. Lucas, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members present for the meeting: Darshan Sachde, Ph.D, Vice Chair; John Hageman, M.S. C.H.P.; Steve Harris, Ken Krieger, Tim Powell, Judy Raab, Kevin Raabe, and Melissa Shorey.

2. Introduction of Guests:

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Ruben Cortez, Bob Free, Eric Skotak, Stacey McLarty, and Cassandra Swank.

Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ): Charles Maguire

Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas (ARDT): Eddie Selig

Texas Railroad Commission (RRC): Grant Chambless

Waste Control Specialist (WCS): Betsy Madru

Atom Consulting: Roland Benke

3. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and/or approval of the minutes of the September 23, 2016 TRAB Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium and Waste Committee meeting

Mr. Hageman made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Mr. Krieger seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Routine and Continuing Business:

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

Mr. Maguire discussed the status for disposal of transuranic waste at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in New Mexico. The Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant dome has been completed to contain the remains of the nuclear reactor.

B. Update on Interim Storage of Spent Fuel activities

Mr. Maguire discussed status of the WCS license application submitted to NRC for a consolidated interim storage facility. WCS requested NRC to separate the environmental impact statement from the safety analysis and was denied by NRC. A public meeting should be held in early 2017 for comments on the environmental impact statement.

C. Update on Acquisition of WCS by Energy Solutions

Mr. Maguire provided an update that the Department of Justice filed an injunction to stop the acquisition.

D. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning the draft of the Advisory Statement for a Better Understanding of Radiation

Mr. Raabe made a motion to adopt the advisory statement. Mr. Powell seconded the motion and the advisory statement was unanimously approved.

5. New Business

A. Review and approval of the Fiscal-Year-2016 TRAB Annual Report to the Commissioner

Mr. Powell made a motion to approve the FY 2016 TRAB Annual Report. Mr. Krieger seconded the motion and the annual report was unanimously approved.

6. Public Comments

None

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

The committee recommends approval of the Advisory Statement for a Better Understanding of Radiation and the FY 2016 TRAB Annual Report.

8. Identification of Future Meeting Topics for this Committee

None

9. Adjourn

Mr. Lucas adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m.