



TOPIC RESEARCH 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 17, 2017 at 8:30 AM

1. Call to Order

Robert Emery, Dr. P.H, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. A quorum was present.

Members present for the meeting: Mr. Darshan Sachde, Ph.D., Vice-Chair; and John Hageman, M.S., C.H.P.

Members not present for the meeting: Mark Harvey, Ph.D.; and Tim Powell, M.B.A.

2. Introduction of guests:

Department of State Health Services (DSHS): Lisa Bruedigan, Jerry Cogburn, Ruben Cortez, Chuck Flynn, Robert Free, Joann Harthcock, Stacey McLarty, Eric Skotak, Kasandra Swank, Helen Watkins, and Peggy Westlund

Texas Railroad Commission (RRC): Tiffany Humberson

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): Charles Maguire, Victor Ibarra, Ben Wishert, and Alisha Stallard

State Energy Conservation Office: Denise Brooks

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

3. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and/or approval of the minutes of the December 9, 2016 TRAB Topic Research Committee meeting

Dr. Sachde made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Hageman seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Routine and Continuing Business

A. There will be no updates on rulemaking priorities, until after September 1, 2017

No updates at this time.

B. Update on State comments to the NRC on criminal background checks for Category 3 source licensees

Mr. Flynn advised the Category 3 source comments will be submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Commissioners in August 2017.

C. Reorganize the TRAB's Publications web page

Mr. Hageman recommended moving the advisory and position statements to the beginning of the publications link on the TRAB webpage. The motion was seconded by Dr. Sachde and the committee approved the recommendation.

D. Review/updating of older Advisories and Position Statements on the Publications web page

Mr. Hageman will review the advisory/position statements and, distribute to board members for review and updates to discuss at the next committee meeting.

5. New Business:

A. Identify any additional topics that need further research to be addressed by the TRAB

Dr. Emery discussed medical procedures in articles from Canada and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and forwarded to Dr. Metter.

B. Identify topics to recommend for further discussion and/or to be addressed at future meetings of the Medical Committee, Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium, and Waste (INUW) Committee, or full Board

Providing the public with information on exposure versus benefits.

6. Public Comments

None

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

Move the position/advisory statements to the top of the publication link on the TRAB webpage. Assign TRAB members to review and update the advisory/position statements.

8. Identification of Agenda Items for next or future Topic Research Committee Meeting

None

9. Adjourn

Dr. Emery adjourned the meeting at 8:45 am