

RESOLUTION

by the TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD

to COMMEMORATE the 50TH ANNIVERSARY

of the AGREEMENT between

the STATE OF TEXAS and the U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Fifty years ago, an agreement between the State of Texas and the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission became effective. On January 10, 1963, (then) Governor Price Daniel entered into an agreement with the Atomic Energy Commission for Texas to assume regulatory responsibility for certain radioactive materials in the state under Section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (Agreement). This act made Texas the fifth State to become an "Agreement State" effective March 1, 1963. Under the Agreement, Texas assumed all licensing and regulatory authority over radioactive materials in the state, with the exception of special nuclear material in excess of a critical mass and radioactive material utilized by federal agencies.

Texas is one of only three Agreement States that has regulatory authority over uranium recovery and low-level radioactive waste disposal in addition to the authority exercised under the basic Agreement. The Texas Department of State Health Services regulates the safe operations of over 1,700 radioactive material licensees and over 20,000 x-ray, laser facilities, and mammography facilities. Through the Department of State Health Services, Texas was the first state to enact laser regulations; and the Department is the lead agency for emergency response planning and response to nuclear accidents. Also, the Department of State Health Services cooperates closely with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to safely regulate uranium mining, disposal of Low-Level Radioactive Waste, and non-oil and gas Naturally Occurring Radioactive Waste.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Texas Radiation Advisory Board hereby commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Agreement between Texas and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the successor to the Atomic Energy Commission, and that it honor all the individuals responsible for implementation and continuation of this historic compact.