



**TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**  
**INDUSTRIAL, NUCLEAR POWER, URANIUM and WASTE COMMITTEE**

Austin-Health and Human Services Commission, MHMR Center  
Conference Room 164

909 W. 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78751

Friday, November 7, 2014

9:00 AM

**1. Call to Order**

Kevin Raabe, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. A quorum was present. Members present for the meeting: Mitch Lucas, P.E. Vice Chair; John Hageman, C.H.P.; Kenneth Krieger, C.H.P.; Darshan Sachde; and Amy Clark.

Members not present: Stephen Harris and Judy Raab.

**2. Introduction of guests**

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Ray Fleming; Eric Skotak; Peggy Westlund; Robert Free; Ruben Cortez; Richard Ratliff, P.E.; and Laura Pfefferle.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff present: Monica Sullivan and Charles McGuire.

Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) staff present: Grant Chambless

Guests present: Eddie Selig, Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas; Audrey Ferrell and Bob Wilson, Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission (TLLRWDC); Roger Mulder, State Energy Conservation Office and Rick Jacobi, Jacobi Consulting.

**3. Adoption of the minutes of the September 19, 2014 meeting**

Mr. Krieger made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Clark seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

#### **4. Old Business**

##### **A. TRAB Advisory Statement on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) proposed changes to the radiation safety regulations, 10 CFR Part 20.**

The committee discussed the proposed rule changes to NRC 10 CFR Part 20 and opposed the following:

1. *Lower the Occupational Dose Limit for the Lens of the Eye:* The committee deferred this item to the Medical Committee.
2. *Lower the Dose Limit for Embryo/Fetus of a Declared Pregnant Occupational Worker*
3. *Individual Protection ALARA Planning*
4. *Reporting of Occupational Exposure*

Mr. Hageman made a motion to forward the committee's advisory statement on the NRC's proposed changes to 10 CFR Part 20 to the Full Board. Mitch Lucas, P.E.; seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

##### **B. Update on the Texas Low Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility (McGuire, TCEQ)**

Mr. McGuire provided an update on the low level radioactive waste disposal facility. The facility experienced up to four inches of rain overnight and performed to expectations with no unauthorized discharges. TCEQ will be addressing a rule proposal on November 19, 2014 that reflects the implementation of Senate Bill 347.

#### **5. New Business**

None

#### **6. Public Comments**

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- Mr. Fleming attended the Low Level Waste Forum Meeting last week. NRC discussed the WCS site obtaining a license for greater than Class C waste disposal and NRC has proposed rulemaking changes. NEI will encourage NRC to provide rule compliance guidance in exempt waste disposal.

#### **7. Formulate recommendations on any agenda items to be considered by the other Committees or the full Board**

Recommendations made under Agenda item 4A.

#### **8. Adjourn**

Mr. Raabe adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.