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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, February 28, 2020 at 9:00 AM

1. Call to Order

Mr. Raabe, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members present for the meeting: John Hageman, M.S. C.H.P.; Stephen Harris, Vice-Chair; Tim Powell; Darshan Sachde, Ph.D.; Sanjay Narayan; Ken Peters; Kevin Raabe, Chair; and Bob Redweik

Members not present at the meeting: Ken Krieger

2. Introduction of Guests:

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Ruben Cortez, Robert Free, Eric Skotak, Brian Vamvakias, and Peggy Westlund

Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ): Ashley Forbes and Ron Thomas

Texas Railroad Commission (RRC): Leslie Savage

Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas (ARDT): Brian Christian

Waste Control Specialists (WCS): David Carlson

Texas Emergency Management: Dave Cella

Public: Michael Ford

3. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and/or approval of the minutes of the November 22, 2019, TRAB Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium and Waste Committee meeting.

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

4. Public Comments

None

5. Routine and Continuing Business

- A. Update and discussion on the Texas Low Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility and WIPP waste temporary storage

Ms. Forbes discussed TCEQ reviewing an amendment to authorize WCS' use of two new modular concrete canister designs and modifying procedures.

TCEQ should receive plans by March 31, 2020 from the Department of Energy to remove the transuranic waste material from WCS.

- B. Licensing activities of spent fuel storage

Mr. Carlson discussed the termination of the Atomic Safety Licensing Board. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will provide the draft environmental impact statement in May 2020.

6. New Business

- A. Prepare Purpose Statement for this Committee

Committee members will send comments to Mr. Raabe by March 27, 2020.

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

- i.* Mr. Hageman made a motion to recommend to the Board for the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant Decommissioning: contractor to perform a presentation at a Board meeting. Mr. Redweik seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.
- ii.* Mr. Powell suggesting adding to the committee agenda to monitor any pandemic impacts to this industry
- iii.* John Hageman made a motion to recommend to the Board that presentations to TRAB Committees or Board should be included on the TRAB website. Mr. Narayan seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.
- iv.* Mr. Cella was introduced as a representative of the Texas Division of Emergency Management and will be attending future TRAB meetings.

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

Recommendation to include presentations to the Board on the TRAB website

Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant Decommissioning Presentation at the Board meeting

INUW Purpose Statement

8. Mr. Raabe adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m.