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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 28, 2020 at 9:00 AM

1. Call to Order:

Dr. Sachde called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members present for the meeting: Darshan Sachde, PhD, Chair; John Hageman, MS, CHP; Tim Powell; Mark Harvey, PhD; and Will Pate, DrPH

2. Introduction of guests:

Department of State Health Services (DSHS): Lisa Bruedigan, Shannon Quinn, Liz Speights, Karl VonAhn, Brian Vamvakias, and Peggy Westlund,
Texas Railroad Commission (RRC): Leslie Savage
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): Ashley Forbes and Ron Thomas
Waste Control Specialists: David Carlson
Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas (ARDT): Brian Christian

3. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and/or approval of the minutes of the February 28, 2020, TRAB Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium and Waste Committee meeting

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

4. Public Comments

None

5. Routine and Continuing Business

A. Updates on rulemaking priorities

Mr. Vamvakias announced the §289.233, Radiation Control Regulations for Radiation Machines used in Veterinary Medicine and §289.226, Radiation Control Regulations for Registration of Radiation Machines Use and Services will be deferred to the next quarter. The Radioactive Materials rules are under review and DSHS is required to have these rules approved by January 2022.

Ms. Forbes discussed the review of the adjustment of the WCS curie inventory charge and is scheduled to be proposed at the Agenda Meeting on April 8, 2020.

B. Update on decommissioning of the USS Enterprise

Mr. Hageman requested for the topic to be removed from the agenda.

6. New Business:

A. Prepare Purpose Statement for this Committee

Mr. Hageman requested the Committee members to send suggestions for the purpose statement within 30 days to present at the next Committee meeting.

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

TCEQ and DSHS Pandemic Response Plans

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

Board - Pandemic Response Plans

Medical Committee - Authorized user training requirements to use radiology equipment; this program was moved to the Texas Medical Board.

Topic Committee - add Pandemic Response Plans to agenda

7. Summarize Committee meeting and recommendations for Committee Report and proposed action items for TRAB or for future agenda items for TRAB, the Medical Committee, or Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium, and Waste (INUW) Committee

Purpose Statements

Pandemic Response Plans

Authorized user training for radiology equipment

8. Dr. Sachde adjourned the meeting at 9:02 a.m.