



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, December 4, 2015 at 9:00 AM

1. Call to Order

Kenneth Krieger, C.H.P., Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members present for the meeting: Mitch Lucas, P.E., Vice-Chair; John Hageman, M.S., C.H.P.; Ian Hamilton, Ph.D.; Judy Raab; Kevin Raabe; and Darshan Sachde.

Members not present: Amy Clark and Steve Harris

2. Introduction of guests

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Ruben Cortez, Ray Fleming, Chuck Flynn, Eric Skotak, Stacey McLarty, and Peggy Westlund

Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ): Charles Maguire, Bobby Janecka, and Dana Fine

Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas: Eddie Selig

Texas Railroad Commission (RRC): Grant Chambless

Waste Control Specialist (WCS): Betsy Madru

Lower Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission: Leigh Ing

3. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and/or approval of the minutes of the September 18, 2015 TRAB Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium and Waste Committee meeting

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

4. **Continuing Business:**

A. Update and discussion on the Texas Low Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility including the potential for disposal of Greater-than-Class C (GTCC) waste at the facility

Mr. Maguire discussed the Waste Control Specialists (WCS) license amendment; public comment ended on November 23, 2015. The license amendment will clarify additions, changes and general updates along with compatibility of Nuclear Regulatory Commission's regulations. TCEQ continues to monitor storage and disposal operations at WCS. Energy Solutions, Inc. is purchasing Waste Control Specialist.

Department of Energy (DOE) and WCS have signed an agreed order allowing a pathway of compliance to continue storing waste from Los Alamos destined for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). The Agreed Order will be presented to the Commissioner December 9, 2015.

B. Update on EPA's proposed rules in 40 CFR Part 192 regarding in-situ mining of uranium

Uranium industry came out in force to provide data against the 40 CFR Part 192 proposal. EPA has shelved this proposal for now. Mr. Maguire will be meeting with the EPA in December to discuss TCEQ performing a study to provide analysis of data.

U.S. Geological Survey issued a press release of a potential uranium reserve in South Texas that can meet the nation's demand for five years.

C. Update of NRC's July 25, 2014, Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR), related to the current radiation protection regulations

Mr. Flynn advised there is no update at this time.

5. **New Business**

None

6. **Public Comments**

None

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

None

8. **Identification of Future Meeting Topics for this Committee**

Spent Fuel Storage Updates (as new business)

9. **Adjourn**

Mr. Krieger adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m.