



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 22, 2019 at 9:00 AM

1. Call to Order

Mr. Lucas called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A quorum was present.

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

Members not present: Stephen Harris; Ken Krieger; and Judy Raab

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

2. Introduction of Guests:

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

Texas Railroad Commission (RRC): Leslie Savage

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

Waste Control Specialist (WCS): Elicia Sanchez

Jacobi Consulting: Rick Jacobi

3. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and/or approval of the minutes of the November 30, 2018 TRAB Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium and Waste Committee meeting

Mr. Powell made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Shorey seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Routine and Continuing Business

- A. Update and discussion on the Texas Low Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility and Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) waste temporary storage (TCEQ)

Ms. Forbes stated TCEQ is reviewing a minor amendment application from Waste Control Specialists (WCS) requesting various changes to the license and is currently in the public comment period. WCS also has a byproduct license which limits to receiving only the Fernald byproduct waste. TCEQ is reviewing a request for a minor amendment to the current environmental monitoring system, and is currently in the public comment period.

No changes to WIPP storage.

- B. Licensing activities of spent fuel storage

Mr. Jacobi was asked by Mr. Carlson to provide the update that NRC should be completed with the Waste Control Specialists' safety/security review by August 2020.

5. New Business

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- A. Comments on the *Compact Facility Legislative Oversight Committee Report to the 86th Legislature, Dec. 2018*

Mr. Powell discussed the proposed changes to *Health and Safety Code, Chapter 401*. This bill does not have a sponsor and has not come out of the committee.

B. Discussion on the Industry recommendations for proposed legislation that impacts the WCS LLRW Facility

ARDT, WCS, Waste generators and Compact generators are working together to change legislation to improve their economic viability. The Compact Commission has developed a draft contingency plan to address four different scenarios in case WCS files bankruptcy or has to shut down for any reason.

Keep on agenda under *Routine and Continuing Business* for the next Committee Meeting.

C. Discussion on obtaining industry stakeholder input regarding changes to fees under 25 TAC §289.204.

DSHS has received requests to change our radioactive material license fees to better align with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) fees and make it more clear and transparent. Ms. McLarty asked for TRAB to create a work group to provide stakeholder input.

Mr. Hageman made a motion to recommend to the full Board to form a work group to review the DSHS radioactive material license fees. Mr. Raabe seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

D. 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, or full Board

Update of proposed legislation that impacts the WCS LLRW Facility.

6. Public Comments

No Comments

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

Update of proposed legislation that impacts the WCS LLRW Facility
Recommend TRAB to form a working group to review the radioactive material license fees.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Lucas adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.