



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 22m 2019 at 8:30 AM

1. Call to Order:

Dr. Emery called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members present for the meeting: Robert Emery, Dr., P.H., Chair; Darshan Sachde, Ph.D., Vice-Chair; John Hageman, M.S., C.H.P.; and Tim Powell, M.B.A.

Members not present for the meeting: Mark Harvey, Ph.D.

2. Introduction of guests:

Department of State Health Services (DSHS): Brian Vamvakias, Robert Free, Ruben Cortez, Lisa Bruedigan, Joann Harthcock, Stacey McLarty, Eric Skotak, Liz Speights, Karl VonAhn, Shannon Quinn and Peggy Westlund

Texas Railroad Commission (RRC): Leslie Savage

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

State Energy Conservation Office: Denise Brooks

Jacobi Consulting: Rick Jacobi

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

Medical & Radiation Physics, Inc. (MARP): Leland Page, Ph.D., DABR

3. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and/or approval of the minutes of the September 30, 2018 TRAB Topic Research Committee meeting

Mr. Powell made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Hageman 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

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.

5. New Business:

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

No comments

- B. Discussion of the Public Comments by Karen Hadden, of the SEED Coalition

No comments, keep this topic on the next committee meeting agenda.

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

Mr. Hageman said the Hanford site in Washington State is looking at possibly solidifying their tank waste and sending to the federal side of WCS. He suggested to place this topic on the next committee meeting agenda: *Update for disposal of radioactive and hazardous at WCS federal facility.*

- 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, Medical Committee or full Board
- i.* Discussion of the public comments by Karen Hadden, SEED Coalition
 - ii.* Update for disposal of radioactive and hazardous at WCS federal facility.

6. Public Comments

No comments

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

No action items

8. Adjournment

Dr. Emery adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.