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INDUSTRIAL, NUCLEAR POWER, URANIUM and WASTE COMMITTEE
of the TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD (TRAB)
MEETING MINUTES

Austin-Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Complex
12100 Park 35 Circle, Building F, Austin, TX, 78753
ROOM 2210
Friday, June 28, 2019 at 9:00 AM

1. Call to Order

Mr. Lucas called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

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

2. Introduction of Guests:

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Ruben Cortez, Bob Free, Eric Skotak, Brian Vamvakias, Karl VonAhn and Peggy Westlund
Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ): Ashley Forbes
Texas Railroad Commission (RRC): Leslie Savage
Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas (ARDT): Eddie Selig and Brian Christian
Waste Control Specialist (WCS): David Carlson
Jacobi Consulting: Rick Jacobi
Member of the Public: Roger Mulder
State Energy Conservation Office: Denise Brooks

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

Mr. Powell made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Raabe 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 WIPP waste temporary storage (TCEQ)

Ms. Forbes provided an update of pending amendments to the Waste Control Specialists (WCS) radioactive material license.

- B. Licensing activities of spent fuel storage

Mr. Carlson advised the Atomic Safety Licensing Board (ASLB) was holding a hearing July 10-11, 2019 in Midland, Texas regarding transportation and storage of high level spent fuel waste at WCS.

5. New Business

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- A. Outcome of Radiation Issues in the 86 Legislature, Regular Session

HB 2203 was signed into law on May 31, 2019 and will be effective December 1, 2019. The bill amends the Health and Safety Code to require a state agency who receives a required report of a radioactive substance into the environment accidentally to notify political subdivisions of the state where the release occurred. Ms. Bruedigan, Ms. Forbes, and Ms. Savage have discussed the communication process between the agencies.

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

The working group is meeting after the board meeting.

- C. 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

None

6. Public Comments

None

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

None

8. Adjournment

Mr. Lucas adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.