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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, November 22, 2019 at 9:00 AM

1. Call to Order

Mr. Raabe, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members present for the meeting: John Hageman, M.S. C.H.P.; Tim Powell; Darshan Sachde, Ph.D.; Sanjay Narayan; Ken Peters; Kevin Raabe, Chair; and Bob Redweik

Members not present at the meeting: Ken Krieger and Stephen Harris, Vice-Chair

2. Introduction of Guests:

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Ruben Cortez, Eric Skotak, Brian Vamvakias, Karl VonAhn and Peggy Westlund
Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ): Amie Robinson, Alisha Stallard and Ron Thomas

Texas Railroad Commission (RRC): Leslie Savage
Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas (ARDT): Eddie Selig and Brian Christian

Jacobi Consulting: Rick Jacobi

Waste Control Specialists (WCS): David Carlson

3. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and/or approval of the minutes of the September 20, 2019, TRAB Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium and Waste Committee meeting

Mr. Powell made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2019 Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium and Waste Committee meeting. Mr. Sachde seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Public Comments

None

5. Routine and Continuing Business

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

Ms. Stallard advised TCEQ is reviewing a WCS application for minor amendments to authorize the use of two new concrete canister designs in waste disposal operations.

TCEQ is planning to move additional transuranic waste from WCS to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad, New Mexico.

- B. Licensing activities of spent fuel storage

Mr. Carlson, WCS, discussed the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board hearing regarding the proposal to construct and operate a consolidated interim storage facility for spent nuclear fuel and greater-than Class C waste in Andrews County next to their existing low-level radioactive waste site. The remaining contention was released involving the Texas horned lizard and dune sagebrush lizard. NRC could have the draft license available in 2020 and final approval in 2021.

6. New Business

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

Mr. VonAhn discussed the creation of a working charter to find scope and expectations of the working group.

Subject tabled to February 2020 Committee meeting.

- B. 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

Mr. Powell requested for Mr. Carlson to present a video of proposed dry cast methodology at the February 2020 Board meeting.

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

WCS presentation of dry cast methodology at the February 2020 Board meeting.

Future board meetings at South Texas Plant and medical hospital.

8. Adjourn

Mr. Raabe adjourned the meeting at 9:47 am.