



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. 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78751  
Friday, June 23, 2017 at 9:00 AM

**1. Call to Order**

Mr. Lucas, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum was present.

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

Members not present: Melissa Shorey and Tim Powell

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Ruben Cortez, Chuck Flynn,  
Bob Free, Eric Skotak, Helen Watkins, and Peggy Westlund

**2. Introduction of Guests:**

Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff present: Charles Maguire,  
Bobby Janecka, Alisha Stallard, Victor Ibarra, and Ben Wishert

Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) staff present: Tiffany Humberson

Texas Lower Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission (TLLRWDC):  
Leigh Inn

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

State Energy Conservation Office: Denise Brooks

Waste Control Specialist (WCS): Betsy Madru

**3. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and/or approval of the minutes of the February 17, 2017 TRAB Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium and Waste Committee meeting**

Mr. Krieger made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Raab 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**

Mr. Maguire updated the committee on the Texas Low Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility. Now that the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) near Carlsbad, New Mexico, has resumed operations, the removal of certain waste currently at the Waste Control Specialists (WCS) site has begun. For the waste located in above ground containers that does not contain nitrated salts, it must first be certified to meet the new WIPP waste acceptance criteria, but can then be transported to the WIPP for disposal. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), WCS, DOE, Environmental management at Los Alamos and Carlsbad Field Offices and TCEQ are cooperating to plan the removal of the waste that does contain nitrated salts. Los Alamos is currently remediating the containers that contain nitrated salts. A plan should be available by late December 2017 to propose removal of the waste containing nitrated salts from WCS.

##### **B. Update on Interim Storage of Spent Fuel activities**

Mr. Maguire stated that all application requests are on hold.

##### **C. Update on Acquisition of WCS by Energy Solutions**

A federal judge blocked the purchase of WCS by Energy Solutions. WCS has 30 days to appeal the court's decision.

##### **D. If the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislation has ended, an update on Petition to Revise 30 TAC §305.62 (Amendments); 30 TAC §331.84 (Monitoring Requirements); 30 TAC §331.105 (Monitoring Standards); 30 TAC §331.107 (Restoration); 30 TAC §336.109 (Fees after Request for Termination of License); and 30 TAC §336.208 (Radiation Safety Officer)**

TCEQ has started to review the rule petitions.

#### **5. New Business**

None

#### **6. Public Comments**

Betsy Madru commented that numerous state and federal regulatory agencies have coordinated to assist in moving the waste to WIPP.

#### **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**

None

#### **9. Adjourn**

Mr. Lucas adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.