



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, November 30, 2018 at 9:00 AM

**1. Call to Order**

Mr. Raabe 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.; Ken Krieger;  
Tim Powell; Judy Raab; Darshan Sachde, Ph.D.; and Melissa Shorey

Members not present: Stephen Harris and Mitch Lucas, Chair

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

**2. Introduction of Guests:**

Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff present: Alisha  
Stallard, Ashley Forbes, Anastasia Ozain-Porterie, and Tony Gonzalez

Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) staff present: Tiffany Humberson

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

Waste Control Specialist (WCS): David Carlson

Jacobi Consulting: Rick Jacobs

**3. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and/or approval of the minutes of the September 28, 2018 TRAB Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium and Waste Committee meeting**

Mr. Powell made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Schade 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 discussed continuation of monitoring storage, processing and disposal operations at WCS. A minor amendment application from WCS is under review. The rule change in 30 TAC Chapter 336 for a volume adjustment to the Compact disposal rate was adopted and became effective November 6, 2018.

Ms. Forbes introduced Anastasia Ozain-Porterie, TCEQ, who was published in the Health Physics Radiation Safety Journal.

**B. Draft TRAB Bylaws**

Mr. Powell made the motion to approve the Bylaws with amendments.

Mr. Krieger seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

**C. Licensing activities of Waste Control Specialist (WCS)**

Mr. Carlson discussed the submission of the application to NRC for storage of spent fuel. The NRC evaluation should be completed in the fall of 2020. A hearing will be held for the board to review contentions and decide which ones will be forwarded to NRC for review. WCS is working on community relations to educate and improve understanding of the benefits to store spent fuel in Texas. The Committee discussed House Bill 6622 regarding issues dealing with the costs and continued viability of the Texas radioactive waste disposal facility.

**5. New Business**

**A. TRAB's 2018 Annual Report to the DSHS Commissioner**

Mr. Hageman made the motion to approve the Bylaws with amendments.

Mr. Krieger seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

**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, or full Board**

None

**6. Public Comments**

Mr. Jacobi discussed of the TRAB Bylaws regarding lobbying.

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

A. TRAB 2018 Annual Report

B. TRAB Bylaws

C. Pending Legislation low level waste in Texas

**8. Adjourn**

Mr. Raabe adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.