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TOPIC RESEARCH 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 8:30 AM

1. Call to Order:

Dr. Schade called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. A quorum was present.

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

Members not present for the meeting: Robert Emery, Dr., P.H., Chair;

2. Introduction of guests:

Department of State Health Services (DSHS): Ruben Cortez, Lisa Bruedigan, Kaylie Cox, Robert Free, Alyson Henry, Stacey McLarty, Shannon Quinn, Eric Skotak, Liz Speights, Karl VonAhn, Brian Vamvakias, Peggy Westlund, and Trae Windham

Texas Railroad Commission (RRC): Leslie Savage

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): Ashley Forbes

State Energy Conservation Office: Denise Brooks

Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas (ARDT): Brian Christian

Waste Control Specialists: David Carlson

3. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and/or approval of the minutes of the February 22, 2019 TRAB Topic Research Committee meeting

Mr. Hageman made the motion to approve the minutes with a date correction. Dr. Harvey 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 (Forbes, TCEQ)

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

5. New Business:

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

Ms. Bruedigan, Ms. Forbes, and Ms. Savage discussed House Bill 2203 to 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.

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

Contamination release of Cs-137 in Seattle, WA (Emery)
Decommissioning of cyclotron at University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (Emery)

- 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. Hageman adjourned the meeting at 8:48 a.m.