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TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
INDUSTRIAL, NUCLEAR POWER, URANIUM and WASTE COMMITTEE

Friday, September 24, 2021
9:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order

Kevin Raabe, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A quorum was present.

2. Roll Call

Members present: Darshan Sachde, Ph.D.; John Hageman, M.S., C.H.P.; Ken Peters; Sanjay Narayan; Charles Cavnor; Tim Powell; and Roland Benke, Ph.D., C.H.P. Members not present: Bob Redweik

3. Introduction of guests

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Brian Vamvakias, Ruben Cortez, Eric Skotak, and Chris Myers

Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) staff present: Leslie Savage and Tiffany Humberson

Texas Commission on Environmental Equality (TCEQ) staff present: Bobby Janeka and Gehan Flanders

Guests present: Eddie Selig, Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas; Denise Brooks, State Energy Conservation Office

4. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and/or approval of the minutes of the June 25, 2021, Texas Radiation Advisory Board (TRAB) Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium, and Waste (INUW) Committee meeting

Mr. Powell made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Sachde seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

5. Public Comments

None

6. Routine and Continuing Business

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

Ms. Flanders and Mr. Janeka discussed the facility and Texas House Bill 7.

B. Review 21R035 Rule Project-Radioactive Material and make recommendations to the Board 25 TAC §289.257 Packaging and Transportation of radioactive material

Mr. Raabe decided to remove this from the next agenda to allow the Medical Committee to make a recommendation to the Board.

C. List of sites in Texas requiring expensive decommissioning

Ms. Flanders discussed this in 6.A.

D. Identify topics to recommend

Mr. Raabe identified item 6.B. to remove from future agendas.

7. New Business

A. Legislative Special Session Updates

Mr. Janeka discussed bills filed during the special session.

B. Discuss issues related to certain radioactive waste disposal sites and facilities in need of decontamination in Texas

Mr. Raabe would like to hear from Mr. Jacobi and Ms. McLarty of DSHS, who are both not present.

C. Uranium Reserve Program

Mr. Raabe briefly discussed this topic.

D. Identify topics to recommend for further discussion and/or to be addressed at future meetings of the TRAB INUW Committee; Topic Committee; Medical Committee; or TRAB

Mr. Raabe would like to find a speaker to provide an update on what is going on in the uranium mining industry in Texas.

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

No action items for the full Board.

9. Adjourn

Mr. Raabe adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.