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TOPIC RESEARCH COMMITTEE  
of the TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD (TRAB)  
MEETING MINUTES

Microsoft Teams Meeting  
Friday, June 25, 2021, at 8:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order:

Dr. Sachde, PhD, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members present for the meeting: John Hageman, MS, CHP; Mark Harvey, PhD, Vice-Chair; William Pate, DrPH; and Tim Powell

2. Introduction of guests:

Department of State Health Services (DSHS): Lisa Bruedigan, Ruben Cortez, Stephanie Lopez, Stacey McLarty, Eric Skotak, Kaylie Smith, Liz Speights, Karl VonAhn, Brian Vamvakias and Trae Windham

Texas Railroad Commission (RRC): Leslie Savage

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): Ashley Forbes

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

State Energy Conservation Office: Denise Brooks

Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM): Gabriela Stermolle

3. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and/or approval of the minutes of the March 26, 2021, TRAB Topic Research Committee meeting

Mr. Powell made the motion to approve the minutes with amendments. Dr. Pater seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Public Comments

None

5. Routine and Continuing Business

Updates on rulemaking priorities: Sections 289.233 and 289.226, and 21R035 Rule Project for the medical use of radioactive material.

Mr. Vamvakias discussed the status of the radiation rules:

§289.233 rule was effective April 2021 and DSHS will start inspecting for compliance January 1, 2022. The department is working on guidelines to share with the stakeholders.

§289.226 rule is currently under DSHS review and some changes will be made.

§289.257 DSHS received comments from the TRAB Review Committee

§289.256 and 252 rules will be published in the Texas Register in September 2021.

6. New Business:

A. Identify any additional topics that need further research to be addressed by the TRAB Topic Research Committee

Dr. Pate suggested to add an agenda item to discuss any legislative bills about radiation during the 2021 Texas Legislature. Ms. Forbes was asked to testify on a bill about radioactive waste, but the bill did not make it to the legislative floor.

B. Identify topics to recommend for further discussion and/or to be addressed at future meetings of the Topic Research Committee; Medical Committee; Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium, and Waste (INUW) Committee; TRAB

None

7. Summarize TRAB Topic Research Committee meeting and recommendations for Committee Report and proposed action items for TRAB or for future agenda items for TRAB, the Medical Committee, or Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium, and Waste (INUW) Committee

The Committee will report to the Board that an agenda item will be added to discuss updates on legislative bills affecting the radiation program.

8. Adjourn Time: 8:24 a.m.