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INDUSTRIAL, NUCLEAR POWER, URANIUM and WASTE COMMITTEE
of the TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD (TRAB)
MEETING Minutes

Microsoft Teams Meeting
Friday, June 25, 2021, from 9:00 to 10:30 am

1. Call to Order

Dr. Sachde, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members present for the meeting: Roland Benke, PhD, CHP; John Hageman, MS. CHP; Charles Cavnor, Ken Peters, and Tim Powell

Members not present: Ken Raabe, Chair; Sanjay Narayan, and Bob Redweik.

2. Introduction of Guests:

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Ruben Cortez, Robert Free, Stacey McLarty, Eric Skotak, Kaylie Smith, and Brian Vamvakias

Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ): Ashley Forbes

Texas Railroad Commission (RRC): Leslie Savage

Waste Control Specialists (WCS): Elicia Sanchez

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

State Energy Conservation Office: Denise Brooks

Texas Emergency Management: Gabriela Stermolle

Jacobi Consulting: Rick Jacobi

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

Mr Benke made a motion to approve the minutes with an amendment. Mr. Powell seconded the motion and was 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 (TCEQ)

Ms. Forbes discussed the amendment 35 issued to radioactive material license R04100 (WCS) on June 8, 2021 providing authorization to remove the metal container requirement for a specific depleted uranium waste stream in the In-Cell Non-Containerized Disposal Unit. The removal date was extended to December 23, 2021 for the Fernald by-product waste to be removed by the Department of Energy.

7. New Business

A. Legislative Updates

Mr. Vamvakias said that there were no legislative bills passed by the Texas Legislature that affected the DSHS radiation program.

Ms. Forbes said there were no legislative bills passed by the Texas Legislature that would directly affect the licensing of radioactive materials by TCEQ. TCEQ was appropriated three million dollars to the 2022 budget and will be used for the cleanup of the Lamprecht/Zamzow site.

B. Review 21R035 Rule Project-Radioactive Material and make recommendations to the Board

Mr. Vamvakias discussed the radioactive materials rules requested by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The NRC changes are minor editorial and compatibility changes. Mr. Powell volunteered to review and discuss this rule with Mr. Vamvakias to report back at the next Committee meeting.

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

Mr. Benke suggested to add an item to New Business for sites needing to be decommissioned from Ms. Forbes and Mr. Jacobi for the next meeting. Ms. McLarty will be checking with the Open Records Department to determine if, due to radioactive material, there is any Homeland Security concerns to be able to share specific information in the TRAB meetings.

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

The Committee will report the following topics to the Board:

- A. Status of the removal of Fernald by-product waste by DOE
- B. Texas Legislative updates affecting radiation control
- C. Status of Radioactive Material rules
- D. Decommissioning radioactive material sites

9. Dr. Sachde adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.