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TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES TOPIC RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Friday, December 10, 2021
8:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order

Darshan Sachde, Ph.D., Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m. A quorum was present.

2. Roll call of committee members present.

Members present: John Hageman, M.S., C.H.P.; William Pate, Dr.PH.; Roland Benke, Ph.D., C.H.P.; and Mark Harvey, Ph.D., Vice-Chair. Members not present: Tim Powell

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Brian Vamvakias, Kaylie Smith, Karl Von Ahn, Lisa Bruedigan, and Chris Myers

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff present: Ashley Forbes and Gehan Flanders

Guests present: Eddie Selig, Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas

3. Review and, as needed, discuss, and take possible action concerning amendment and/or approval of the minutes of the September 24, 2021, TRAB Topic Research Committee meeting

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

4. Public Comments

None

5. Routine and Continuing Business

A. Updates on rulemaking priorities, 21R035 Rule for medical use of radioactive material §289.252, §289.256, and §289.257

Mr. Vamvakias stated the rules will become effective January 12, 2022.

B. Summary of Legislative Actions during the Special Session effecting radiation by TCEQ

Ms. Flanders discussed House Bill 7.

6. New Business

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

No topics were discussed.

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

Dr. Pate suggested adding the high-level waste disposal topic to the INUW committee agenda.

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 the INUW Committee

Dr. Sachde stated the rulemaking topic from agenda item 5.A. will be removed from future agendas. A general update on high-level waste disposal from TCEQ shall be added to future Topic Research Committee agendas and it shall be recommended to be added to future INUW Committee agendas as well.

8. Adjourn

Dr. Sachde adjourned the meeting at 8:20 a.m.