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

Friday, June 24, 2022
9:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order

Darshan Sachde, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. A quorum was present.

2. Roll Call

Members present: Darshan Sachde, Ph.D.; John Hageman, M.S., C.H.P.; Charles Cavnor; Bob Redweik; and Tim Powell.

Members not present: Roland Benke, Sanjay Narayan, and Kevin Raabe.

3. Introduction of guests

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

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): Brad Brossard

Texas Department of Emergency Management: Jason Johnson

Guests present: Eddie Selig and Brian Christian with Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas;

4. Review and, as needed, discuss and take possible action concerning amendment and/or approval of the minutes of the March 25, 2022, Texas Radiation Advisory Board (TRAB) Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium, and Waste (INUW) Committee meeting

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

5. Public Comments

None

6. Routine and Continuing Business

A. Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) waste temporary storage (TCEQ)

Mr. Brossard discussed the status of the storage of LANL waste.

B. Discussion of uranium sites in Texas and decommissioning

Mr. Brossard discussed the number of licensed sites and the status of licensed sites. Mr. Hageman asked if there was an increase in the price of Uranium. Mr. Brossard stated that the price for Uranium was just at the borderline for production. Mr. Sachde asked about renewing a dormant site. Mr. Brossard stated a status of "stand-by" was used, but this status is not defined in the rule.

C. Discuss Uranium Reserve Program

This was Mr. Raabe's topic, and he was not present. Mr. Sachde requested this topic be kept on the agenda for the next meeting.

D. Spent Nuclear Fuel Transport

Mr. Brossard stated that Texas is still in litigation with the N.R.C. concerning the applicability of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act to N.R.C.'s licensing of an interim storage facility. Mr. Sachde requested this topic be kept on the agenda for the next meeting.

E. TRAB status report on INUW's Strategic Goals for 2022

Mr. Powell made a motion to present the INUW's Strategic Goals to the Board. Mr. Narayan seconded the motion.

F. Identify topics to recommend for TRAB discussion

None

7. New Business

A. 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. Powell asked that the TCEQ sunset report be discussed in the Board meeting.

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

Mr. Narayan asked if studies have been performed about the storage of waste at the Andrew's location and if TRAB members would be making a visit to a nuclear facility. Mr. Brossard stated that environmental impact studies were done. A lawsuit exists that claims the study did not consider the impact to the oil and gas companies. Mr. Sachde requested that the topic of a tour of a nuclear power plant be brought forward to the Board.

9. Adjourn

Mr. Powell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 a.m. Mr. Redweik seconded the motion. All approved.