



TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the November 22, 2008 Board Meeting

Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Moreton Building, Room M 739

1100 West 49th Street, Austin, Texas

Scheduled to Convene at 9:00 a.m.

1. Call to order

Michael Ford C.H.P., Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m. Members present for the meeting were: Ana Cleveland, Ph.D., Rick Jacobi, P.E., Mitchell Lucas, Troy Marceleno, Brad Bunn, Kevin Raabe, Melanie Marshall, D.D.S., John Hageman, C.H.P., Nora Janjan, M.D., Bill Campbell, Jesse Ray Adams, W. Kim Howard, M.D., Mark Silberman, M.D., Rosana G. Moreira, and Darlene Metter, M.D.

Members not present: Bobby Haley and Jay Murphy.

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Richard Ratliff, P.E., Cindy Cardwell, Tommy Cardwell, Darice Bailey, Jerry Cogburn, Jo Turkette, Mike Dunn, Helen Watkins, Robert Free, Ruben Cortez, Carolyn Wright, Ray Jisha, Debbie Peterson, and Lisa Booth.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff present: Susan Jablonski, P.E. and DeVane Clarke.

Texas Railroad Commission: (TRC) staff present: Leslie Savage

2. Introduction of guests

Guests present: Eddie Selig, Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas, Geri Cooley, Lotus, and Pete Myers, South Texas Chapter Health Physics Society.

Newly appointed board members were also introduced: Jesse Ray Adams and Mark Silberman, M.D.

3. Approval of the minutes of the June 7, 2008 meeting

Minutes of the June 7, 2008 quarterly TRAB meeting were submitted for approval. Kevin Raabe moved approval, the motion was seconded, and the board approved the minutes unanimously.

4. Meeting of the Medical Committee

a. *Status report on medical rules and physician qualifications (Thomas Blevins, M.D. and Paul Moore, M.D.) for authorized user status on radioactive material licenses.*

Concern was expressed by the Committee that medical events may be under reported when the new authorized user qualifications become rule. The Medical Committee suggested that DSHS inspectors take special note of this during inspections.

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- b. Discussion regarding DSHS plans regarding adoption of Medical Rule.*

The department provided a status update of the Medical Rule. A letter summarizing the comments received and changes made to the rule was provided to the board.
5. Meeting of the Waste & Industrial Committee (Mr. Raabe, Chair)
 - a. Status report from TCEQ on LLRW disposal facility licensing process.*

Reviewed and discussed the report as submitted.
 - b. Proposed TAC Chapter 11, Uranium Exploration and Surface Mining.*

Brad Bunn moved to accept the TAC Chapter 11, Uranium Exploration and Surface Mining rules as proposed. Rick Jacobi seconded, and the committee agreed to present the rules to the board.
6. Report from the NORM Remediation Work Group (Mr. Jacobi, Chair)

Report discussed as submitted.
7. Report from the Interagency Information Management Work Group (Dr. Cleveland, Chair)

Report discussed as submitted.
8. Meeting of the Committee of the Whole
 - a. Proposed TAC Chapter 11, Uranium Exploration and Surface Mining*

On motion and second, the board approved the proposed TAC Chapter 11, Uranium Exploration and Surface Mining rules as presented by the Waste and Industrial Committee.
 - b. Public Comment*

None
9. Program reports
 - a. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality*
 - b. Railroad Commission of Texas*
 - c. Department of State Health Services*

Program reports were submitted in writing.
10. Board member requests for agenda items for next meeting
 - a. Nuclear power updates.*
 - b. Request NRC to discuss compatibility issues.*
 - c. Texas Mining Reclamation Association – uranium mining issues.*
 - d. Election of new chair*

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11. Public comment

None

12. Next meeting date

The next meeting will be scheduled February 7, 21, or 28, 2009.

13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.