



TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

August 19, 2011 Board Meeting

Department of State Health Services, Exchange Building, Room S-125

8407 Wall Street, Austin, Texas

Scheduled to Convene at 10:30 AM

1. Call to order

John Hageman, C.H.P., Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:24 a.m. A quorum was present. Members present for the meeting: Kenneth Krieger, C.H.P.; Robert Emery, Dr.P.H.; Bill Campbell; Amy Clark; Mark Silberman, M.D.; Jay Murphy, P.E.; David Nichols, M.D.; Mitch Lucas, P.E.; Brad Bunn; Rosana G. Moreira, Ph.D.; Darlene Metter, M.D.; Ana Cleveland, Ph.D.; Nora Janjan, M.D., M.B.A., MPSA; and Melanie Marshall, D.D.S.

Members not present: Stephen Harris; Kevin Raabe; and Ian Hamilton, Ph.D.

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff present: Richard Ratliff, P.E.; Alice Rogers, P.E.; Barbara Taylor; Kathy Perkins; Rod Moline; Carolyn Wright; Shannon Edson; Monica Perez; Ray Fleming; June Ayers; Jo Turkette; Jerry Cogburn and Chris Myers

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff present: Gary Smith and Don Redmond

Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) staff present: David Cooney and Courtney Cherry

2. Introduction of guests

Guests present: Eddie Selig, Advocates for Responsible Disposal in Texas; and Pete Myers, South Texas Chapter of the Health Physics Society

3. Approval of the May 20 and June 17, 2011 meeting minutes

Dr. Metter made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Krieger seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Committee Reports and Recommendations

A. Industrial, Nuclear Power, Uranium and Waste Committee

Mr. Lucas briefed the board on the committee's recommendations. The committee recommends that the TCEQ proposed rule 30 TAC, chapter 336 move forward in the rulemaking process. The committee also recommends that proposed rule

changes to 25 TAC §289.204 go forward in the rulemaking process. Mr. Hageman congratulated the TRAB on the advisory paper, *Advisory on Radionuclides in Drinking Water*, which was written in June and can be viewed on the TRAB's web site: <http://www.trab.state.tx.us/>.

B. Medical Committee

Dr. Metter briefed the board on the earlier committee meeting. Dr. Metter stated that the Medical Committee supports the public awareness of radiation safety culture within medical imaging. The committee recommends that the proposed rule changes to 25 TAC §289.204 go forward in the rulemaking process.

C. Interagency Information and Cooperation Committee

Dr. Cleveland briefed the board on the earlier committee meeting. Dr. Cleveland discussed the agencies websites. The committee members believe there is still room for improvement on how the websites disseminate information. Dr. Cleveland commended the DSHS and RRC for the memorandum of understanding between the two agencies. The committee recommends that the proposed rule changes to 25 TAC §289.204 go forward in the rulemaking process.

5. Program Reports

A. Railroad Commission of Texas

Mr. Cooney stated the RRC is in the final stages of adopting the memorandum of understanding with the DSHS.

B. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Gary Smith briefed the board on the TCEQ program report.

C. Texas Department of State Health Services

Mr. Ratliff briefly talked about fees.

D. Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission

No report discussed

E. Roger Mulder - US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, State Liaison Officer

No report discussed

6. New Business

A. Recommendations on the DSHS's, proposed rule changes to 25 Texas Administrative Code §289.204, concerning Fees for Certificates of Registration, Radioactive Material Licenses, Emergency Planning and Implementation, and Other Regulatory Services

Ms. Perkins briefed the board on the state budget concerns and specifically how they apply to the Radiation Control Program of the DSHS. Mr. Krieger made a motion that this rule move forward in the rule making process. Dr. Nichols seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved the motion.

**B. Recommendations on the TCEQ's proposed rules, 30 TAC, Chapter 336:
Radioactive Substance Rules**

Mr. Krieger made a motion that this rule move forward in the rule making process. Mr. Lucas seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved the motion.

C. Brief report on response and monitoring in event of nuclear emergency in Texas, DSHS and Mitch Lucas

Mr. Lucas briefed the board on emergency preparedness at nuclear power plants in Texas.

7. Public Comments

None

8. Discussion of Future Meetings' Topics

November 4 and November 18 were discussed as future meeting dates.

9. Adjourn

Mr. Hageman adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.