



TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD

Michael Ford, C.H.P.
Chair

1100 W. 49th Street
Austin, Texas 78756-3189
512/834-6688

Executive Committee
Earl Erdmann
Michael Ford, C.H.P.
Ian Hamilton, Ph.D.
W. Kim Howard, M.D.,
Odis R. Mack
Elaine Wells, M.S.

November 17, 2005

Albert Hawkins
Executive Commissioner
Texas Health and Human Services Commission
P. O. Box 13247
Austin, TX 78711-3247

Dear Commissioner Hawkins:

The Texas Radiation Advisory Board, in its November 5, 2005 meeting made a recommendation I am forwarding to you. The recommendation is in regard to a petition by Waste Control Specialists, LLC requesting the Department of State Health Services to amend its radiation rules.

The petition for rulemaking, submitted on October 15, 2005, was brought to the attention of the TRAB prior to the November 5 meeting. Although the board currently takes no position on the *substance* of the rulemaking that was requested, the TRAB made a recommendation in favor of moving the review process forward.

The TRAB voted to recommend to you that DSHS staff to go forward with the rulemaking process, thus allowing review and comments by parties and stakeholders. The TRAB meeting minutes did record a vote abstention on this recommendation from a member with an existing business relationship with the company in question; all other members present voted unanimously in favor of the recommendation.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need our assistance on this topic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael S. Ford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "F" at the end.

Michael S. Ford, C.H.P.
Chair