

RADIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

October 8, 2014

Call to Order – Public Session

Edgar Riggs, vice-chair, called the Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC) into public session on October 8, 2014, 10:15 a.m. in Conference Room 1E of the Portland State Office Building.

Members Present:

Bremner, D.M.D., Fred
Gilbert, Theresa
Riggs, Edgar

Smith, Barbara
Stevens, Donna
Waldenburg, Rick

Members Absent:

Franco, Janet
Reese, PhD, Steve

RPS Members Present:

Carpenter, Todd
Grater, Connie
Howe, David
Jaqua, Matt

Keller, Molly
Van Kleeck, Michelle
Villamar, Glenda
Wendt, Rick

Guests

McLaughlin, Dave – OR-OSHA

Introduction of Members and Guests

David Howe, Radiation Protection Services (RPS) Program Director, reported that Barbara Smith, M.S., RT(R) (QM) FASRT, FAEIRS has been appointed to the Radiation Advisory Committee. Barbara is a radiologic technology instructor at Portland Community College.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the June 11, 2014 meeting were sent to the members for their review.

Motion

Dr. Fred Bremner moved and Theresa Gilbert seconded the motion to approve the June 11, 2014 Radiation Advisory Committee minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

RPS Staffing/New Staff Introductions

David Howe introduced a new RPS health physicist, Glenda Villamar. Glenda graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Medicine Technology/Technical Communications and has a Master's of Science in Radiation Health Physics/Public Health. She will be working in the electronic products program.

Radiation Advisory Committee Membership/Bylaws

David Howe announced that two members, Theresa Gilbert and Edgar Riggs, terms of committee service will expire on December 31, 2014. Thus, a slate of candidates needs to be submitted for consideration of membership. Scott Young, a radiation safety officer at Oregon Department of Transportation, has been recommended for membership. David also reported that having a veterinarian on the committee has been recommended. It was the consensus of the members to carry those recommendations forward.

David Howe reviewed the RAC Bylaws with the members. One of the articles identifies the committee's officers (chairperson and vice-chairperson) and their duties/responsibilities. The terms of office for the current officers' two-year terms expire December 31, 2014.

Motion:

Ed Riggs nominated Dr. Steve Reese as chair and Dr. Fred Bremner seconded the nomination. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion:

Theresa Gilbert nominated Dr. Fred Bremner as vice-chair and Barbara Smith seconded the nomination. The motion carried unanimously.

David Howe continued reviewing the bylaws noting what revisions have been made since they were adopted in 2009. It was the consensus of the members that there were no changes for the bylaws.

RPS Staff Training

Rick Wendt, RPS Operations Manager, reported that since the last RAC meeting RPS staff has attended Food Emergency Response Network (FERN) training;

Hanford emergency response exercise and drill; Columbia Generating Station emergency response drill; monthly emergency response training; and attended Nuclear Regulatory Commission training.

Rick Wendt announced that upcoming events include hosting a Nuclear Medical Event Database (NMED) course for Oregon and Washington; meeting with the Department of Nuclear Detection; CLEAR investigator training; and Nuclear Regulatory Commission training.

UPDATES

RPS Rulemaking Update

Todd Carpenter, RPS Licensing Manager, distributed a draft “Statement of Need and Fiscal Impact” (Attachment 1) and draft amended /adopted/repealed Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) (Attachment 2). Rule revisions were done to meet compatibility with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s requirements within 10 CFR; to outline X-ray operator requirements; consolidate rules relating to the use of fluoroscopy; revise the breast density notification rule and statement; to match the Food and Drugs Administration’s definitions and requirements relating to a tanning device; and to require all tanning clients to have identification checked during the initial visit.

RPS Budget/Proposed RPS Program User Fee Statute Changes – Legislative Concept

David Howe reported that RPS has an approximate 4.2 million budget per biennium. Most of the revenue comes from tanning, X-ray and radioactive materials license (RML) fees.

Increasing radioactive material licensing fees by 25% were just approved in administrative rule. A legislative concept has been proposed to increase the cap on RML fees from \$3,000 to \$5,000; increase the cap on tanning fees up to \$150 in statute; and increase the fees on X-ray devices by 25%.

RPS Program Director Updates

David Howe reported that he attended the Organization of Agreement States annual meeting in Chicago in August 2014. Topics addressed at the meeting were recognitions of agreement state milestones; industrial radiography; web-based licensing; licensing verification system; National Source Tracking System; and changing the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program performance indicators.

RPS Program Updates

Radioactive Materials Licensing Program – Rick Wendt reported on the following:

- DOT SP-10656 – this a Department of Transportation special permit form that scrap yards complete when a load of metal is suspected of containing radioactive materials. The special permits enable them to transport the radioactive materials back to the agency that sent it to them.
- Disposal of Tritium Exit Signs – Numerous tritium exit signs that we had accepted from different agencies were recently disposed. We now have a process for agencies when they received tritium exit signs.
- Potential Licensing of Scrap and Waste Management Facilities – RPS is working with scrap and waste management facilities to license these facilities so they can possess and store radioactive materials until they decay.

Tanning Program – Michelle Van Kleeck reported on a tanning facility being investigated for a client being burned during a visit for tanning. The facility was unregistered at the time and was not following the proper procedures for a tanning facility. The facility was issued a cease and desist order to not use the tanning beds until they came into compliance.

X-ray Program – Molly Keller, RPS Health Physicist, provided an update on emerging technologies in the X-ray program:

- Aribex MD – it has been tested and we are analyzing the dosimetry that came back.
- Mobetron Mobile Linear Accelerator – there is just one in the state right now and it is being used for inoperative colorectal cancer treatment.
- Genoray Handheld – We haven't evaluated this device for use because we haven't received the operating manual or any other paperwork yet.

Emergency Preparedness and Response – Rick Wendt reported that in July the RPS emergency response team participated in a dress rehearsal for the Columbia Generating Station evaluated drill which was held in August. The results were that we met all the criteria, the plan was good, and there were no deficiencies.

Health Division Updates


Dave Leland, Interim Administrator, Center for Health Protection, reported that the Oregon Public Health Division is preparing for the accreditation board site visit which is scheduled for October 21 and 22, 2014. He also noted that recruitment efforts are underway for the Center for Health Protection Administrator.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

The next meeting for the Radiation Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,



Connie J. Grater

