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Compliance and Enforcement Committee Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2012 Meeting

333 Guadalupe, Tower 1, Room 1264
William P. Hobby Building, Austin, Texas

- A.** The Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists (TBPG) Compliance and Enforcement Committee (C&E) meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM, roll was called and a C&E quorum was established. Members present were Barbara Roeling, PG, Committee Chair; Dr. Thomas Hallmark, PG; Rebecca Johnson, PG; and Justin McNamee, Public Member. Also in attendance were Mr. Charles Horton, Executive Director; Investigator Alberto Jimenez, PG; and Jeanne Nguyen.
- B.** The minutes from the July 22, 2011 C&E meeting were approved.
- C.** There was no public comment.
- D.** Mr. Horton reviewed and explained the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists Complaint Investigation and Enforcement Standard Operating Procedures in detail. The C&E Committee discussed the value of Board members reviewing every complaint case through the Complaint Review team process. Dr. Hallmark recommended keeping two board members on the CRT committee.
- E.** The Committee briefly reviewed the elements of the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists Compliance and Enforcement and Outreach Plan. In response to Dr. Hallmark, Mr. Horton explained the current Continuing Education audit process. The Committee members agreed to review the current plan in detail before the next meeting and to come to the meeting prepared to review the plan more thoroughly.
- F.** Alberto Jimenez reported on past actions that have been taken by staff to address of potential unlicensed practice by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Corrective Action Specialists. No further action is planned in this area at this time.
- G.** The C&E Committee reviewed summary information regarding complaint cases reviewed by Complaint Review Teams that have met since the last Compliance and Enforcement Committee meeting.
- H.** The C&E Committee reviewed frequently asked questions (FAQs) that are currently on the TBPG website and two draft new FAQs. The Committee agreed to review this information in detail before the next meeting and to come to the meeting prepared to discuss revisions to the FAQs for the TBPG the website.
- I.** Investigator Jimenez reported on enforcement staff activity since the last Compliance and Enforcement Committee meeting July 22, 2011. There were 12 new complaint cases opened. Five (5) complaint cases were closed, 1 resulting in the proposed finding of a violation and proposed disciplinary actions. A total of 17 complaint cases were open as on January 27, 2012.

- J.** The date of the next Compliance and Enforcement Committee meeting will be determined after the February 17, 2012 Board Meeting. Future topics will include a thorough review of the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists Compliance and Enforcement and Outreach Plan and a review of current and drafted new FAQs for possible revision and posting to the TBPG website.
- K.** The C&E Meeting adjourned at 5:49PM.