



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

General Issues Committee Meeting

March 30, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.

333 Guadalupe Street, Tower II, Room 500

Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

- A. The General Issues Committee of the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists was called to order at 3:15 p.m. on March 30, 2012, in the Hobby Building, Tower 2, Room 500. Roll was called and a quorum was certified. In attendance were Committee Chair Kelly Krenz-Doe, P.G., Charles Knobloch, P.G., J.D., Justin McNamee, and alternate member Barbara Roeling, P.G. Member Judy Reeves, P.G. was absent. Staff in attendance included Executive Director Charles Horton and Operations Manager Molly Roman.
- B. The minutes from General Issues Committee meeting held on January 27, 2012 were approved unanimously as written.
- C. Matthew Cowan, P.G. was in attendance as a member of the public, representing himself, the Texas Association of Professional Geoscientists (TAPG), and the Houston Geological Society (HGS). He made brief comments regarding the issue of P.G. seal requirements.
- The Committee then considered items G, E, and F.
- G. Regarding the review of current industry practices and regulations regarding underground waste injection disposal and CO₂ sequestration, the Committee heard invited testimony from Leslie Savage, P.G., the Chief Geologist with the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC), Katherine Nelson, P.G., Assistant Division Director with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and Ben Knape, TCEQ Underground Injection Control Team regarding practices and regulations in their respective agencies related to Underground Injection Control wells. No action was taken.
- E. Regarding P.G. seal requirements related to soil borings, the closure of underground injection control wells, and geologic cross sections, the Committee reviewed some of the issues that TCEQ encounters with respect to use of the P.G. seal. The Committee reviewed TAC §851.156, regarding the use of a P.G. seal. The Committee agreed to review the rule at the next Committee meeting. Suggested wording of the amendment will be provided to TCEQ for discussion at their P.G. workgroup. Feedback will then be forwarded to the GI committee for consideration.
- Member Roeling left the meeting at 4:10 p.m. A quorum of members was still present.
- F. Regarding the possible clarification of “bound report”, as found in TAC §851.156, the Committee reviewed the issue of “bound reports”. After discussion, the Committee unanimously recommended an amendment to §851.156(j) to delete “or are removed from the report”, and insert “used separately from the report”. The Committee also directed Mr. Horton to meet with the TCEQ P.G. workgroup regarding feedback related to the recommended changes to §851.156(j), and to provide feedback to the Committee for further consideration.
- The Committee then considered the remainder of the agenda.
- D. Regarding 22 TAC §851.152, regarding Firm Compliance, the Committee reviewed possible changes to §851.152. More research is needed regarding the filing of Assumed Names with the Texas Secretary of State’s office before the motion will be considered.
- H. Regarding the requirements in Texas Administrative Code §851.104(d), the Committee unanimously approved the recommendation of an amendment to §851.104(d) to go before the full Board for consideration and possible proposal.

- I. The next Committee meeting was scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on May 17, 2012 for consideration of rules §851.152 and §851.156.
- J. The Committee adjourned at 5:12 p.m.