

TEXAS LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL COMPACT COMMISSION

PUBLIC COMMENT

THE CHAIR'S PROCEDURES FOR MAINTAINING DECORUM

1. Commitment. The Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission (Commission) continues to be committed to providing the opportunity for orderly, appropriate, and effective public comment with respect to its activities. In order to be fair and respectful to all participants in the Commission's meetings and in order to maximize the opportunity for orderly, appropriate, and effective public comment, the Chair will adhere generally to the procedures set out in this document. It is provided, however, that the Chair may alter these procedures as deemed necessary for any circumstances that may arise. .

2. General Procedures. (a) In order to provide public comments to the Commission, a person must be recognized by the Chair.

(b) The Chair will only recognize persons to provide public comment who complete a speaker card and give it to the Executive Director before a meeting has begun. A speaker card form will be available on the Commission's website and at the location of each meeting.

(c) Public comments must relate to matters over which the Commission has jurisdiction.

(d) Members of the Commission will not engage in a discussion of public comments that do not relate directly to an item that is on the agenda of the meeting where the public comments are made.

(e) Public comments must be addressed to the Commission. Speakers may not ask questions of each other or members of the Commission. Speakers may address general inquiries to the Chair who in his or her discretion may refer them to other speakers or members of the Commission.

(f) A Commissioner may ask questions of any person who addresses the Commission with respect to an item on the agenda of a meeting.

3. Places on a Meeting Agenda for Public Comments. (a) Generally, the agenda for a meeting will be structured so that there is an item on the agenda for public comments of a general nature and so that there is an opportunity for public comments at the time the Commission will consider significant action items such as the proposed publication for public comment of new rules or amendments to the Commission's existing rules, the entry into or the amendment of agreements for the importation of low-level radioactive waste, and the exportation of low-level radioactive waste. However, for convenience and efficiency, items may be grouped in such a way that public comment is received on a group of agenda items rather than on each item.

(b) Generally, public comments of a general nature by an individual or organization will be limited to five minutes. However, the Chair may exercise discretion to extend time.

(c) Generally, public comments by an individual or organization that relate to a particular agenda item or a group of agenda items will be limited to three minutes. However, the Chair may exercise discretion to extend time.

4. Final Decision. These procedures may be temporarily altered or suspended based on unique or special circumstances determined in the discretion of the Chair. The Chair's decision with respect to any matter related to public comment is determinative.