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Compliance and Enforcement Committee Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2015 Meeting
333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room 500
William P. Hobby Building, Austin, Texas

- A.** The Compliance and Enforcement Committee (C&E) meeting was called to order at 12:40 PM., roll was called and quorum established. C&E members present were Becky Johnson, PG, Committee Chair; Christopher Mathewson, PhD, PG, PE, Professional Member; Thomas Hallmark, PhD., P.G., Professional Member, and David Prescott., P.G., Professional Member. Staff members Charles Horton, Executive Director; Molly Roman, Operations Manager; Wesley McCoy, PG, Enforcement Coordinator; and Valerie Arnold, Enforcement Specialist were also in attendance. Melissa Juarez, AAG, was also present.
- B.** The minutes from the October 17, 2015 C&E meeting were approved, as is.
- C.** Rebecca Smith, Texas Bureau of Economic Geology, and Katherine Nelson, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality were present. No public comments were made.
- D.** Discussion of the Sanctions Table with staff being directed to modify the table to incorporate degrees of sanctions to cover mitigating or aggravating circumstances. Chairman Johnson will assist staff in modifying the Sanctions Table for presentation at the next meeting of the Compliance & Enforcement Committee.
- E.** Executive Director Charles Horton presented a progress report of the SB-138 implementation by TBPG. The ED's report included the identification of contacted Tier III agencies, the progress on the Memoranda of Agreement with state agencies, and the training that has been conducted for state agencies.
- F.** Discussion and possible action for the implementation of SB-138 was postponed and moved to the next Compliance and Enforcement Committee meeting.
- G.** Discussion of a question submitted by the Texas Water Development Board regarding the requirement for licensure of employees of the Bureau of Economic Geology and the U.S. Geological Survey when those agencies are contracted by the TWDB to provide geoscientific research. The committee asked for, and received, input from Dr. Rebecca Smith on the subject. The committee reached a consensus that contracted research performed by the Bureau of Economic Geology and the U.S. Geological Survey is exempted from licensure under Texas Occupations Code §1002.252(4) and directed staff to provide that information to Ms. Cindy Ridgeway at the TWDB.
- H.** Enforcement staff presented a report on the enforcement case activity and presentations for interested groups.
- I.** The Committee set July 16, 2015, as the next committee meeting date..
- J.** The Compliance and Enforcement Committee meeting adjourned at 2:26 PM.