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Compliance and Enforcement Committee Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2015 Meeting
333 Guadalupe, Tower III, Room 102
William P. Hobby Building, Austin, Texas

- A.** The Compliance and Enforcement Committee (C&E) meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM., roll was called and quorum established. C&E members present were Becky Johnson, PG, Committee Chair; Christopher Mathewson, PhD, PG, PE, Professional Member; C. 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 July 16, 2015 C&E meeting were approved, as is.
- C.** Leslie Savage, Texas Railroad Commission (RRC), and Dale Kohler and Katherine Nelson, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), were present. No public comments were made.
- D.** Discussion regarding state permitting and oversight of injection wells. Information about the TCEQ injection well programs was presented by Dale Kohler. Leslie Savage of the RRC presented information about the RRC's injection well programs.
- E.** Discussion and review of the Complaint Standard Operating Procedures. The committee requested that staff edit the Complaint SOP to provide clarification for the complaint process.
- F.** Discussion of the Sanctions Table for the Complaint SOPs. The committee voted to postpone this item until the next committee meeting and directed staff to review the Sanctions Table to insure that penalties for Child Support default and Student Loan default are included, as per legislative mandate.
- G.** Discussion of the TBPG FAQs regarding sealing geoscience documents. Staff was requested to revise the FAQs regarding sealing geoscience documents.
- H.** Valerie Arnold, TBPG Enforcement Specialist, provided an update on TBPG training being conducted for state agencies for SB-138 implementation.
- I.** Discussion of Complaint No. 2014014 and the default of the Respondent in paying the agreed administrative penalty. Staff was directed to contact the state comptroller's office and follow that agency's process for payment defaulters.
- J.** Staff report concerning enforcement activities. Staff was directed to update the Professional Development Hours log.
- K.** The Committee set the Thursday before the next board meeting as the next committee meeting date.
- L.** The Committee adjourned at 5:27 PM.