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Affiliates Fair Highlights

Many of our affiliates provided updates or overviews of the services they offer.

New Meeting Format Coming!!!

The Executive Council has decided to try out a new meeting format! In September we are planning to have a day-and-a-half meeting (Thursday and Friday) that incorporates both our topical meeting and Affiliates Fair. We are hoping that this change will allow us to offer more content, visit new locations, and better serve our membership. Information regarding future meetings will be sent out as it becomes available! Stay tuned!

2016 Student Presentations Meeting

The South Texas Chapter of the Health Physics Society (STC-HPS) will be hosting the Student Presentations & Business Meeting in Bryan, TX, on Saturday, April 16, 2016. This meeting provides an excellent opportunity to learn about Texas student projects and a chance to network with your STC-HPS friends and colleagues. Y'all come and join us for some delicious Texas BBQ!

Proposed 2016 Budget

The proposed budget is for Executive Committee approval.



State of Texas Preventative Radiological/ Nuclear Detection Program Development

The newly formed Texas Nuclear Sector Working Group (NSWG) is preparing plans for the preventive detection of radiological and nuclear material in the state. The program will develop a comprehensive plan to coordinate police, fire fighters, government and private groups for the detection of radiation that may be used for terrorist activities.

Welcome New STC-HPS Members!

The South Texas Chapter of the Health Physics Society gladly welcomes our newest members:

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Feb. 1, 2016 | Sep. 18, 2015

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Most Recent NIRDS Meeting in Houston

The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) hosted a NIRDS (News in Radiation Safety Group) meeting in their cyclotron facility.

NRC Completes Safety Review of Proposed New Reactors at South Texas Project Site

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has completed its Final Safety Evaluation Report for the Combined Licenses (COL) for the proposed South Texas Project (STP) Units 3 and 4.

Leigh Ing Testimony Before the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy Committee on Energy and Commerce

Ing talked about low-level radioactive waste interstate compacts to provide a better understanding of how the low-level radioactive waste compact system was set up, how it is structured today, and how compacts work together and with states to support disposal of low-level radioactive waste.

EnergySolutions Signs Definitive Agreement to Acquire Waste Control Specialists LLC

EnergySolutions, Inc. announced it has signed a definitive agreement to acquire Waste Control Specialists LLC (WCS), a wholly owned subsidiary of Valhi, Inc. (NYSE: VHI) and operator of a waste disposal facility located in Andrews County, Texas.

NRC Proposes \$3,500 Civil Penalty on Texas A&M University for Research Reactor Violations

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has proposed a civil penalty of \$3,500 against Texas A&M University's Nuclear Science Center for violations of operating procedures for the center's research reactor.