

**FINAL MINUTES  
TOXIC SUBSTANCES COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
(TSCC)**

**September 16, 2014  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Room T-607  
Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)  
1100 West 49<sup>th</sup> Street  
Austin, Texas 78756**

**1. Call to order and welcome visitors – Heidi Bojes**

**Attendees present:** Heidi Bojes

**Visitors:** Emily Hall, MPH, Epidemiologist, outside visitor Dallas County, Food Born Illnesses

**2. Approval of minutes:** December and March minutes to be approved at the next meeting. Email to TSCC members on the sign-in sheet

**3. Presentation – Emily Hall, MPH, Epidemiologist, DSHS Topic: Whale Earplug Reveals Lifetime Contaminant Exposure and Hormone Profiles**

**4. Subcommittee reports:**

**a. Harmful Algal Bloom – Alex Nunez not present (no report)**

**b. Fish Sampling Subcommittee Meeting update (Mike)**

- February minutes were the last order of business
- EPA will be hosting a National EPA Fish forum September 22<sup>nd</sup> – September 24<sup>th</sup>

**c. The Environmental Health and Toxicology Workgroup update**

The next meeting will be held on October 14, 2014, at 2:30 via GoToMeeting and conference call. Meeting information and a call for speaker/agenda/discussion topics will be sent in September.

**5. Agency updates**

***TDA* updates**

- New Legislative Session and Elections will begin in November
- New Commissioner going to take place in January
- Main issues – Pesticides for mosquito control
- Water issues – getting ready for mosquito, pesticide due to trading from China/Mexico
- Legislative reports are coming due. Some involve toxic substances, increased pathogens, outbreaks with low water supply, low circulation supplies and water supplies

## *TCEQ* updates

- A brief update of TCEQ activities is included:
- Development Support Documents (DSDs) for 3 chemicals (Chromic Acid Mist, Carbon Disulfide, and Acrolein 24-hour) have been finalized and are available on the TCEQ website.
- <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/toxicology/index.html>
- DSDs for 2 chemicals will be proposed in October 2014 and include Propionaldehyde and Hexamethylenediamine
- International Symposium – Understanding the health risks of lower olefins
- 5-6 November 2014 at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Offices in Austin, Texas
- <http://www.iisrp.com/symposium/>
- The Lone Star Society of Toxicology (LSSOT) meeting is on November 13-14, 2014 and is in Austin this year.
- <http://www.toxicology.org/isot/rc/lssot/meetings.asp>

## **6. Upcoming 2014 meetings:**

2014 TSCC Meetings and locations

**December 16, 2014 - DSHS, T-607, 10:00-11:30 am**

2015 TSCC Meetings and locations

**March 17, 2015 - DSHS, T-607, 10:00-11:30 am**

**June 16, 2015 - DSHS, T-607, 10:00-11:30 am**

**September 15, 2015 - DSHS, T-607, 10:00-11:30 am**

**December 15, 2015 - DSHS, T-607, 10:00-11:30 am**

## **7. Adjourned at 11:05 a.m.**