

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST**

**AGENDA REQUESTED: 10/25/2023**  
**DATE OF REQUEST: 09/06/2023**  
**NAME & NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT REGARDING CHANGES TO THIS  
REQUEST, IF NEEDED: Yen Tran, (512) 239-4610**

**CAPTION:** Docket No. 2023-1227-MIS. Consideration of gifts and donations of \$500.00 or more in value given to the TCEQ, submitted for approval in accordance with Chapter 575 of the Government Code, concerning acceptance of gifts by certain state agencies. (Yen Tran)

**Chief Clerk must send Notice of Application/Hearing: N/A**

**Type of Matter: Miscellaneous**

**County: All**

**Uncontested: N/A**

**Contested: N/A**



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**David Timberger, Deputy Director  
General Law Division**

# TCEQ Interoffice Memorandum

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**To:** Kelly Keel *KK*  
Interim Executive Director

**From:** Erin E. Chancellor, Director *EC*  
Office of Legal Services

David Timberger, Deputy Director *DT*  
General Law Division

Yen Tran, Senior Attorney *YT*  
Contracts, Employment Law and Ethics Section  
General Law Division

**Date:** October 6, 2023

**Caption:** **Docket No. 2023-1227-MIS:** Consideration of gifts and donations of \$500.00 or more in value given to the TCEQ, submitted for approval in accordance with Chapter 575 of the Government Code, concerning acceptance of gifts and donations by certain agencies.

Attached for your consideration and acceptance are the gifts and donations valued at \$500.00 or more received by the agency for the time period July 1, 2023 through October 1, 2023.

The Executive Director is authorized by Section 5.233 of the Water Code to receive and accept money and other assistance from any source to carry out the powers and duties of the Commission. Following your acceptance, Chapter 575 of the Government Code requires the Commission to acknowledge the acceptance of all gifts of money or property with a value of \$500 or more in an open meeting no later than the 90th day after the date the gift is accepted.

The attached listing describes the gifts made to the agency, including the name of the donor, a description of the gift or donation, and a statement of the purpose of the gift or donation received. We recommend your approval by signature below. Upon your approval, these gifts will be presented to the Commission at the October 25, 2023 Agenda.

I acknowledge and accept the gifts listed in attached on behalf of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

*K Keel*

Date: 10/5/2023

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Kelly Keel  
Interim Executive Director

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**To:** Commissioners

**Thru:** Kelly Keel, Interim Executive Director *KK*

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**Date:** October 6, 2023

**Caption:** **Docket No. 2023-1227-MIS;** Consideration of gifts and donations of \$500.00 or more in value given to the TCEQ, submitted for approval in accordance with Chapter 575 of the Government Code, concerning acceptance of gifts and donations by certain agencies.

This item contains, for your consideration, a proposed resolution acknowledging the gifts and donations valued at \$500.00 or more received by the agency for the time period July 1, 2023 through October 1, 2023.

Exhibit A contains the Executive Director's approval of the gifts received, including the name of the donor, a description of the gift or donation, and a statement of the purpose of the gift or donation.

As authorized by Section 5.233 of the Water Code, the Executive Director has accepted these gifts and donations to carry out the powers and duties of the Commission. Chapter 575 of the Government Code requires the Commission to acknowledge the acceptance of all gifts of money or property with a value of \$500 or more in an open meeting no later than the 90th day after the date the gift is accepted.

Enclosure

## **Exhibit A**

### **Executive Director's Approval of Gifts and Donations**

## Gifts and Donations from Third Party Organizations

Date Range: 07/1/2023 to 10/1/2023

| Reimbursing Organization                              | Traveler Name      | Dates of Travel         | Destination     | Purpose of Trip  | Total Reimbursed  |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--|-------------------|
| US Nuclear Regulatory Commission                      | KUFROVICH, MATTHEW | 08/20/2023 - 08/24/2023 | Albuquerque, NM | To attend the "Materials Control, Security Systems & Principles (S-201)" training course.  | \$2,127.52        |
|   |                    |                         |                 | training, "Materials Control, Security Systems & Principles (S-201)"   | Reimbursed Amount |
|   |                    |                         |                 | AIRFARE  | \$1,023.41        |
|   |                    |                         |                 | LODGING  | \$700.30          |
|   |                    |                         |                 | MEALS  | \$379.50          |
| TAXI  | \$24.31            |                         |                 |  |                   |
| US Nuclear Regulatory Commission                      | COFFMAN, MOLLY     | 08/20/2023 - 08/24/2023 | Chattanooga, TN | To attend training necessary to become a qualified low-level radioactive waste license reviewer. The course will provide technical information on topics that are relevant to staff. | \$1,828.60        |
|   |                    |                         |                 | Reimbursed Expense Description   | Reimbursed Amount |
|   |                    |                         |                 | AIRFARE  | \$869.40          |
|   |                    |                         |                 | LODGING  | \$511.20          |
|   |                    |                         |                 | MEALS  | \$288.00          |
| TAXI  | \$160.00           |                         |                 |  |                   |
| US Nuclear Regulatory Commission                      | VIRTUE, TERANCE    | 08/20/2023 - 08/24/2023 | Chattanooga, TN | To attend training necessary to become a qualified low-level radioactive waste license reviewer. The course will provide technical information on topics that are relevant to staff. | \$1,453.60        |
|   |                    |                         |                 | Reimbursed Expense Description   | Reimbursed Amount |
|   |                    |                         |                 | AIRFARE  | \$459.40          |
|   |                    |                         |                 | BAGGAGE  | \$60.00           |
|   |                    |                         |                 | LODGING  | \$511.20          |
| MEALS   | \$288.00           |                         |                 |  |                   |
| PARKING   | \$60.00            |                         |                 |  |                   |
| TAXI  | \$75.00            |                         |                 |  |                   |
| Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council's (ITRC) | ANIAGU, STANLEY    | 08/01/2023 - 08/04/2023 | Denver, CO      | To participate in the work meetings and discussions on the ITRC guidance document.   | \$1,368.85        |
|   |                    |                         |                 | Reimbursed Expense Description   | Reimbursed Amount |
|   |                    |                         |                 | AIRFARE  | \$217.80          |
|   |                    |                         |                 | BAGGAGE  | \$70.00           |
|   |                    |                         |                 | LODGING  | \$567.00          |
| MEALS   | \$140.13           |                         |                 |  |                   |
| MILEAGE   | \$51.25            |                         |                 |  |                   |
| PARKING   | \$76.00            |                         |                 |  |                   |
| PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION                                 | \$75.00            |                         |                 |  |                   |
| TAX   | \$101.67           |                         |                 |  |                   |
| TAXI  | \$70.00            |                         |                 |  |                   |
| NRC Commissioner Washington D.C. 20555-001            | THOMPSON, ALYSSA   | 08/20/2023 - 08/24/2023 | Chattanooga, TN | To attend training necessary to become a qualified low-level radioactive waste license reviewer. The course will provide technical information on topics that are relevant to staff. | \$1,274.07        |
|   |                    |                         |                 | Reimbursed Expense Description   | Reimbursed Amount |
|   |                    |                         |                 | AIRFARE  | \$334.39          |
|   |                    |                         |                 | BAGGAGE  | \$60.00           |
|   |                    |                         |                 | LODGING  | \$511.20          |
| MEALS   | \$288.00           |                         |                 |  |                   |
| MILEAGE   | \$37.98            |                         |                 |  |                   |
| PARKING   | \$42.50            |                         |                 |  |                   |

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| Northeast Environmental Enforcement Project (NEEP) | HUCH, KIMBERLY     | 07/24/2023 - 07/28/2023 | Columbus, OH      | To attend the Advanced Communication Skills training in Columbus, Ohio. Training modules will include Science of Deception, Verbal Judo, Report Writing, and Courtroom Testimony.   | \$1,553.96               |
|  |                    |                         |                   | <b>Reimbursed Expense Description</b>   | <b>Reimbursed Amount</b> |
|  |                    |                         |                   | AIRFARE   | \$444.79                 |
|  |                    |                         |                   | LODGING   | \$545.95                 |
|  |                    |                         |                   | MEALS   | \$320.00                 |
|  |                    |                         |                   | MILEAGE   | \$117.90                 |
|  |                    |                         |                   | PARKING   | \$94.21                  |
|  |                    |                         |                   | PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION   | \$31.11                  |
| Ground Water Protection Council (GWPC)             | SMITH, BRYAN SCOTT | 09/12/2023 - 09/15/2023 | Tampa, FL         | To visit three different Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) sites and increase knowledge of rapidly evolving ASR/Aquifer Recharge programs in Texas and throughout the US, as well to learn about the latest technologies and trends in groundwater modelling and drilling. TCEQ paid for other travel expenses.  | \$1,107.78               |
|  |                    |                         |                   | <b>Reimbursed Expense Description</b>   | <b>Reimbursed Amount</b> |
|  |                    |                         |                   | AIRFARE   | \$402.46                 |
|  |                    |                         |                   | LODGING   | \$705.32                 |
| Conoco Phillips Alaska                             | RIZK, JAMES        | 09/10/2023 - 09/15/2023 | North Slope of AK | To tour oil and gas production facilities operated by Hilcorp and ConocoPhillips. The tour of Hilcorp facilities included visiting the site of initial production, Hilcorps seawater facility, and a discussion of issues associated with the production of mature oil fields. The tour of ConocoPhillips' Kuparik operations consisted of a presentation regarding the facility's operations, including environmental and safety issues, a tour of the facility's water and wastewater treatment systems, well heads, and quarry. TCEQ paid for other travel expenses. | \$656.00                 |
|  |                    |                         |                   | <b>Reimbursed Expense Description</b>   | <b>Reimbursed Amount</b> |
|  |                    |                         |                   | AIRFARE   | \$656.00                 |
| Conoco Phillips Alaska                             | NIERMANN, JONATHAN | 09/10/2023 - 09/15/2023 | North Slope of AK | To tour oil and gas production facilities operated by Hilcorp and ConocoPhillips. The tour of Hilcorp facilities included visiting the site of initial production, Hilcorps seawater facility, and a discussion of issues associated with the production of mature oil fields. The tour of ConocoPhillips' Kuparik operations consisted of a presentation regarding the facility's operations, including environmental and safety issues, a tour of the facility's water and wastewater treatment systems, well heads, and quarry. TCEQ paid for other travel expenses. | \$656.00                 |
|  |                    |                         |                   | <b>Reimbursed Expense Description</b>   | <b>Reimbursed Amount</b> |
|  |                    |                         |                   | AIRFARE   | \$656.00                 |

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| <b>TOTAL FOR TRAVEL RELATED EXPENSES</b> | <b>\$12,026.38</b> |
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**B. NON-TRAVEL RELATED GIFTS AND DONATIONS**

| Donating Organization                       | Gift Donation - Waiver Description | Location | Date Received | Value      |
|---|------------------------------------|----------|---------------|------------|
| None  |                                    |          |               | \$0        |
| <b>TOTAL NON-TRAVEL GIFTS AND DONATIONS</b> |                                    |          |               | <b>\$0</b> |

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| <b>TOTAL GIFTS AND DONATIONS FOR THIS PERIOD</b> | <b>\$12,026.38</b> |
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# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



A RESOLUTION      Regarding acceptance of gifts and donations in accordance with Chapter 575 of the Government Code concerning acceptance of gifts and donations by certain state agencies; TCEQ Docket No. 2023-1227-MIS

WHEREAS, Chapter 575 of the Government Code provides that a majority of the Commission must acknowledge the acceptance of all gifts of money or property with a value of \$500.00 or more in an open meeting no later than the 90th day after the date the gift is accepted.

WHEREAS, the list of gifts and donations submitted for acknowledgment is attached. The gifts have been accepted by the Executive Director. The list includes a description and amount of each gift or donation with a value of \$500.00 or more, the donor's name, and a statement regarding the purpose of each gift or donation in accordance with Section 575.004 of Chapter 575.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY that the Commission acknowledges acceptance of the gifts and donations listed in accordance with Chapter 575 of the Government Code.

Issued this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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Jon Niermann, Chairman