

TCEQ Interoffice Memorandum

To: Laurie Gharis, Chief Clerk

From: Yen Tran, Senior Attorney *AZL* with permission
Contracts, Employment Law and Ethics, General Law Division

Date: September 9, 2024

Caption: **Docket No. 2024-1149-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 filing is a revised Exhibit A, Executive Director's Approval of Gifts and Donations, correcting errors in summation on page 5 of Docket No. 2024-1149-MIS.

Exhibit A

Executive Director's Approval of Gifts and Donations

Gifts and Donations from Third Party Organizations

Date Range: 06/03/2024 to 8/22/2024

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				LODGING	\$410.00	
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				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount	
				AIRFARE	\$358.71	
				LODGING	\$503.48	
Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX)	COLEY, SARA	6/3/2024 - 6/6/2024	College Station, TX	To attend the Enhanced All-Hazards Incident Management/Unified Command on-hands training. TCEQ paid for other travel expenses.	\$670.73	
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				MEALS	\$174.25	
Environmental Law Institute (ELI)	HALL, NICOLE	6/3/2024 - 6/7/2024	Shepherdstown, WV	To participate in the 2024 National Training Workshop on Water Quality Assessment and Plans and a Cross-Program Workshop.	\$1,651.00	
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount	
				AIRFARE	\$697.00	
				LODGING	\$448.00	
				MEALS	\$276.00	
				PARKING	\$60.00	
				BAGGAGE	\$70.00	
				SUSTAINABILITY FEE	\$100.00	
Northeast Environmental Enforcement Project (NEEP)	COOPER, JASON	6/3/2024 - 6/7/2024	Columbus, OH	To attend the Advanced Communication Skills training, coordinated by Southern Environmental Enforcement Network, the Western States Project, and NEEP.	\$1,551.87	
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount	
				AIRFARE	\$564.20	
				LODGING	\$573.40	
				MEALS	\$320.00	
				TRANSPORTATION	\$94.27	
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)	ABBASZADEH, MUHAMMADALI	6/16/2024 - 6/27/2024	Cheyenne, WY	To assist the NRC with the review of the Wyoming State Uranium Recovery Program due to Mr. Abbaszadeh's experience and expertise in the subject program.	\$3,747.60	
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount	
				AIRFARE	\$234.15	
				LODGING	\$1,525.68	
				RENTAL CAR	\$877.51	
				MEALS	\$678.50	
				TRANSPORTATION	\$155.76	
				PARKING	\$276.00	
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)	CANNING, ROBERT	8/11/2024 - 8/16/2024	Albuquerque, NM	To attend and participate in the training course, "Materials Control, Security Systems & Principles (S-201)". TCEQ paid for other travel expenses.	\$1,745.21	
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount	
				AIRFARE	\$332.20	
				LODGING	\$816.05	
				MEALS	\$379.50	
				MILEAGE	\$25.46	
				PARKING	\$192.00	

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)	GOODIN, CHANCE	8/18/2024 - 8/22/2024	Santa Cruz, CA	To participate in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Organization of Agreement States Annual Meeting.	\$1,542.49	
				Reimbursed Expense Description	Reimbursed Amount	
				AIRFARE	\$268.14	
				LODGING	\$828.68	
				MEALS	\$310.50	
				TRANSPORTATION	\$75.17	
				PARKING	\$60.00	

TOTAL FOR TRAVEL RELATED EXPENSES	\$12,536.05
B. NON-TRAVEL RELATED GIFTS AND DONATIONS	

Donating Organization	Gift Donation - Waiver Description	Location	Date Received	Value
Texas Chapter American Public Works Association (TX-APWA)	Waived booth rental fee at the TX-APWA 2024 Annual Conference.	San Antonio, TX	6/3/2024-6/5/2024	\$1,100.00
TOTAL NON-TRAVEL GIFTS AND DONATIONS				\$1,100.00

TOTAL GIFTS AND DONATIONS FOR THIS PERIOD	\$13,636.05
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**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST**

AGENDA REQUESTED: 9/25/2024
DATE OF REQUEST: 7/15/2024
**NAME & NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT REGARDING CHANGES TO THIS
REQUEST, IF NEEDED:** Yen Tran, (512) 239-4610

CAPTION: Docket No. 2024-1149-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)

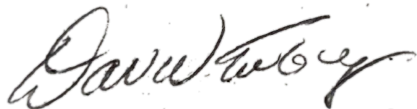
Chief Clerk must send Notice of Application/Hearing: N/A

Type of Matter: Miscellaneous

County: All

Uncontested: N/A

Contested: N/A

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Timberger", is positioned above a horizontal line.

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

TCEQ Interoffice Memorandum

To: Kelly Keel *KK*
Executive Director

From: Charmaine Backens, Interim Director *CB*
Office of Legal Services

David Timberger, Deputy Director *DT*
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Yen Tran, Senior Attorney *YT*
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Date: August 30, 2024

Caption: **Docket No. 2024-1149-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 June 3, 2024 through August 22, 2024.

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 September 25, 2024 Agenda.

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



Kelly Keel
Executive Director

Date: 8/30/2024

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To: Commissioners

Thru: Kelly Keel, Executive Director *KK*

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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

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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. 2024-1149-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

Jon Niermann, Chairman