

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

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**DATE OF REQUEST:** 9/13/2024  
**NAME & NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT REGARDING CHANGES TO THIS  
REQUEST, IF NEEDED:** Yen Tran, (512) 239-4610

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**From:** Charmaine Backens, Interim Director *cb*  
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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 November 20, 2024 Agenda.

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

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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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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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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Jon Niermann, Chairman

## Gifts and Donations from Third Party Organizations

August 25, 2024 - October 24, 2024

Reimbursing Organization	Traveler Name	Dates of Travel	Destination	Purpose of Trip	Total Reimbursed
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)	HOUSTON, AARON	08/25/2024 - 8/30/2024	Chattanooga, TN	To participate and attend a training course "Fundamental Health Physics Lab Activities" offered by the United States NRC.	\$1,602.46
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				LODGING & HOTEL TAXES	\$567.70
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Environmental Council of States (ECOS)	WHITE, DONNA	9/16/2024 - 9/19/2024	Kansas City, MO	To participate in the Environmental Information & Innovation (E2i) Conference co-hosted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the ECOS.	\$1,205.62
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Donating Organization	Gift Donation Waiver Description	Location	Date Received	Value
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