

**Advisory Committee for Nuclear Security
U.S. Department of Energy
National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA)
Office of the Administrator**

Advisory Committee Charter

- 1. Advisory Committee's Official Designation.** Advisory Committee for Nuclear Security (ACNS)
- 2. Authority.** The ACNS is established under the authority of the Department of Energy (DOE). The ACNS, formerly known as the Defense Programs Advisory Committee, is being renewed in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. 10.
- 3. Objectives and Scope of Activities.** The ACNS will provide advice and recommendations to the Department of Energy's Under Secretary for Nuclear Security and Administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA Administrator) on the activities and operations of the NNSA, including but not limited to, the stewardship, governance, and maintenance of the Nation's nuclear deterrent; nuclear security; nonproliferation; counterterrorism; counterproliferation; nuclear incident and accident response.
- 4. Description of Duties.** The duties of the ACNS are solely advisory.
- 5. Agency or Federal Officer Receiving the Advisory Committee's Advice/Recommendations.** The ACNS will report to the NNSA Administrator through the Principal Deputy Administrator.
- 6. Support.** The DOE will provide financial and administrative support for this Committee. Within DOE, primary support shall be furnished by the Office of the NNSA Administrator.
- 7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years.** The estimated annual cost associated with supporting the ACNS is approximately \$500,000, including two full-time employees.
- 8. Designated Federal Officer (DFO).** A full-time or permanent part-time NNSA employee, appointed in accordance with agency procedures, will serve as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO). The DFO (or designee), will approve and call all ACNS and any subcommittee meetings, prepare and approve all meeting agendas, attend ACNS meetings, adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest, chair any meeting when so directed by the agency head, and maintain information on advisory committee activities and provide such information to the public.
- 9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings.** The ACNS will meet approximately two to four times a year.
- 10. Duration.** The ACNS is expected to be continuing in nature.
- 11. Termination.** The ACNS terminates two years after the Charter filing date and may not meet unless the Charter is renewed biennially.

- 12. Membership and Designation.** The ACNS will be composed of not more than 15 members, who will be appointed by the NNSA Administrator. Members shall be recognized experts in their respective scientific and/or technical field and will be appointed as special Government employees, regular Government employees, or representatives of entities including, but not limited to, research facilities and academic institutions, should the ACNS's tasks require such representation. The Chair and Vice Chair of the ACNS will be appointed by the NNSA Administrator from among the ACNS members.

Members of the ACNS will serve without compensation. However, each member may be reimbursed in accordance with Federal Travel Regulations per 41 CFR 301, *Temporary Duty Travel Allowances*, for authorized travel and per diem expenses incurred while attending ACNS meetings or subcommittee meetings. Members of the ACNS must hold a Department of Energy "Q" security clearance.

- 13. Subcommittees.** To facilitate the functioning of the ACNS, the committee may form subcommittees with DFO (or designee) approval. The objectives of the subcommittees are to make recommendations to the full Committee with respect to particular matters related to the responsibilities of the full Committee. Subcommittees may not work independently of the full Committee and must report their recommendations and advice to the full Committee for deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the parent Committee and may not report directly to DOE/NNSA.
- 14. Recordkeeping.** The records of the ACNS shall be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 6.2 and Administrative Records Schedule 16, Item 8b(1.1), and approved agency records disposition schedule. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the *Freedom of Information Act*, 5 U.S.C. 552.

15. Filing Date.

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