

Summary of ITIAC Duties

Summary of 42 U.S. Code § 17114

Meeting Frequency: At least 2 times per year, at the call of the Chair

Purpose: Advise the Secretary on the Industrial Emissions Reduction Technology Development Program

- Propose missions and goals
- Advise on technologies within focus areas
 - Identify and evaluate technologies being developed by the private sector
 - Identify technology gaps in the private sector or other Federal agencies and make recommendations to close gaps
 - Survey and analyze barriers to adoption of emissions reduction technologies
 - Recommend technology screening criteria to encourage adoption of technology by the private sector
- Develop a strategic plan for the program
- Produce reports on findings and on evaluation of the program

Technology Focus Areas 42 U.S. Code § 17113(c)

1. Industrial production processes, including technologies and processes that—
 - a. Achieve emissions reduction in high-emissions industrial materials production processes, including production processes for iron, steel, steel mill products, aluminum, cement, glass, pulp, paper, and industrial ceramics;
 - b. Achieve emissions reduction in medium- and high-temperature heat generation, including—
 - i. through electrification of heating processes;
 - ii. through renewable heat generation technology;
 - iii. through combined heat and power; and
 - iv. by switching to alternative fuels, including hydrogen and nuclear energy;
 - c. Achieve emissions reduction in chemical production processes, including by incorporating, if appropriate and practicable, principles, practices, and methodologies of sustainable, green chemistry and engineering;
 - d. Leverage smart manufacturing technologies and principles, digital manufacturing technologies, and advanced data analytics to develop advanced technologies and practices in information, automation, monitoring, computation, sensing, modeling, and networking to—
 - i. model and simulate manufacturing production lines;
 - ii. monitor and communicate production line status;
 - iii. manage and optimize energy productivity and cost throughout production; and
 - iv. model, simulate, and optimize the energy efficiency of manufacturing processes;
 - e. Minimize the negative environmental impacts of manufacturing and sustainable chemistry while conserving energy and resources, including—
 - i. by designing products that enable reuse, refurbishment, remanufacturing, and recycling;
 - ii. by minimizing waste from industrial processes, including through the reuse of waste as other resources in other industrial processes for mutual benefit; and
 - iii. by increasing resource efficiency; and
 - f. Increase the energy efficiency of industrial processes;
2. Alternative materials that produce fewer emissions during production and result in fewer emissions during use, including—
 - a. Innovative building materials;
 - b. High-performance lightweight materials; and
 - c. Substitutions for critical materials and minerals;
3. Development of net-zero emissions liquid and gaseous fuels;
4. Emissions reduction in shipping, aviation, and long-distance transportation;
5. Carbon capture technologies for industrial processes;
6. Other technologies that achieve net-zero emissions in nonpower industrial sectors, as determined by the Secretary, in consultation with the Director; and
7. High-performance computing to develop advanced materials and manufacturing processes contributing to the focus areas described in paragraphs (1) through (6), including—
 - a. Modeling, simulation, and optimization of the design of energy efficient and sustainable products; and
 - b. The use of digital prototyping and additive manufacturing to enhance product design

ITIAC has experience and knowledge in all major focus areas.

Reports

Summary of 42 U.S. Code § 17114(f)

Frequency: Not later than 2 years after 12/27/2020, and every three years thereafter, submit to Secretary; 60 days after receipt, Secretary submits copy to Congress

Report Contents:

Advise on Technologies

- Describe how committee has carried out duties and any relevant findings
- Identify technology innovation opportunities
- Identify technology gaps in the private sector or other Federal agencies
- Recommend improvements to technology screening criteria and management of the program
- Recommend changes to focus areas, if necessary

Program Evaluation

- Evaluate progress and RD&D activities
- Progress made in achieving goals of the strategic plan and, if necessary, an update to the strategic plan
- Review management, coordination, and industry utility of the program
- Assess the extent to which progress has been made under the program in developing commercial, cost-competitive technologies in each focus area
- Assess the effectiveness of the program in coordinating efforts within DOE and with other Federal agencies