Transition Team Question # 8

Q: What advisory committees are there in the FE area, and what studies have these FACA committees have done for the past 3 years.

- **Deliverable: A list of all the Advisory Committees for DOE relating to FE and copies of the studies that they have done for DOE in the past 3 years.**

A: Advisory Committees for Oil & Gas

National Petroleum Council (NPC)

The National Petroleum Council was chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the NPC is solely to advise, inform, and make recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on any matter requested by the Secretary, relating to oil and natural gas or the oil and gas industries. Members of the National Petroleum Council are appointed by the Secretary of Energy and represent all segments of the oil and gas industries and related interests. The NPC is headed by a Chair and a Vice Chair, who are elected by the Council. The Council is supported entirely by voluntary contributions from its members.

Reports from the NPC:
Facing the Hard Truths about Energy - A Comprehensive View to 2030 of Global Oil and Natural Gas (2007) – Attachment 1

Facing the Hard Truths about Energy – One Year Later, an Update (2008)-Attachment 2

Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee (MHAC)

Federal advisory committee established by the Methane Hydrate Research and Development Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-193) and reauthorized by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-58, Title IX, Subtitle F, Section 968). This committee advises the Secretary of Energy by developing recommendations and broad programmatic priorities for the methane hydrate research and development program; providing scientific oversight for the methane hydrates program, including assessing progress toward program goals, evaluating program balance, and providing recommendations to enhance the quality of the program over time; and submitting to Congress assessments of the methane hydrate research program and the 5-year research plan of the Department of Energy.

Reports from the MHAC
An Assessment of the Methane Hydrate Research Program and An Assessment of the 5-Year Research Plan of the Department of Energy, June 2007 - Attachment 3

Ultra Deepwater Advisory Committee (UDAC)

Federal advisory committee established by statute [EPAct, Title IX, Subtitle J, Section 999D(a) and subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Established in May 2006 and re-chartered through July 2010. This advisory committee advises the

Secretary of Energy on the development and implementation of programs under EPAct, Title IX, Subtitle J related to ultra-deepwater natural gas and other petroleum resources, and on the annual plan prepared in accordance with EPAct, Title IX, Subtitle J, Section 999B(e).

Reports by the UDAC:
Report of Comments and Recommendations, July 2007 – Attachment 4
Report of Comments and Recommendations, March 2008 – Attachment 5
Report of Comments and Recommendations, October 2008 – Attachment 6

Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee (URTAC)

Federal advisory committee established by statute [EPAct, Title IX, Subtitle J, Section 999D(b) and subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Established in May 2006 and re-chartered through July 2010. This advisory committee advises the Secretary of Energy on the development and implementation of programs under EPAct, Title IX, Subtitle J related to unconventional natural gas and other petroleum resources, and on the annual plan prepared in accordance with EPAct, Title IX, Subtitle J, Section 999B(e).

Reports by the URTAC:
Report of Comments and Recommendations, July 2007 – Attachment 7
Report of Comments and Recommendations, March 2008 – Attachment 8
Report of Comments and Recommendations, October 2008 – Attachment 9