

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY CHARTER

NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ACUTE EXPOSURE GUIDELINE LEVELS FOR HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

1. Committee's Official Designation (Title):

National Advisory Committee for Acute Exposure Guideline Levels for Hazardous Substances

2. Authority:

This charter renews the National Advisory Committee for Acute Exposure Guideline Levels for Hazardous Substances (NAC/AEGL) in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2 § 9 (c). NAC/AEGL is in the public interest and supports EPA in performing its duties and responsibilities.

3. Objectives and Scope of Activities:

The NAC/AEGL will provide advice, information and recommendations on the Acute Exposure Guideline Levels which can be used by Federal, state and local agencies and the private sector for emergency planning response and prevention activities related to release of hazardous substances through accident or chemical terrorism activity. NAC/AEGL's recommended values will represent standardized national exposure guideline levels developed by a cross-section of the U.S. scientific community and based on the use of consistent methodology developed by the National Academy of Sciences.

The major objectives are to provide advice and recommendations to EPA on:

- a. Toxicology data presented in technical support documents prepared by contractors regarding acute exposure guideline levels
- b. Technical scientific issues regarding Acute Exposure guideline levels
- c. Developing interim exposure guideline levels
- d. Hazardous substance values for emergency planning, response and prevention Programs related to manufacture, processing, storage, transportation and the remediation of governmental and industrial waste sites

- e. Identifying critical gaps in toxicological data and recommending that relevant acute toxicity studies be made (by contractors) to eliminate such data gaps
- f. Avoiding duplication of effort and cost by various Federal and state regulatory agencies

4. Description of Committees Duties:

The duties of the NAC/AEGL are solely advisory in nature.

5. Official(s) to Whom the Committee Reports:

NAC/AEGL will provide advice and recommendations, and report to the EPA Administrator, through the Assistant Administrator for the Office of Pesticides, Prevention and Toxic Substances (OPPTS).

6. Agency Responsible for Providing the Necessary Support:

EPA will be responsible for financial and administrative support. Within EPA, this support will be provided by the Office of Pesticides, Prevention and Toxic Substances.

7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Work Years:

The estimated annual operating cost of the NAC/AEGL is \$500,000 which includes 2.5 person-years of support.

8. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings:

NAC/AEGL expects to meet approximately four (4) times a year. Meetings may occur approximately once every three (3) months or as needed and approved by the Designated Federal Officer (DFO). EPA may pay travel and per diem expenses when determined necessary and appropriate. A full-time or permanent part-time employee of EPA will be appointed as the DFO. The DFO or a designee will be present at all meetings and each meeting will be conducted in accordance with an agenda approved in advance by the DFO. The DFO is authorized to adjourn any meeting when he or she determines it is in the public interest to do so.

As required by FACA, NAC/AEGL will hold open meetings unless the Administrator determines that a meeting or a portion of a meeting may be closed to the public in accordance with subsection (c) of Section 552(b) of Title 5, United States Code. Interested persons may attend meetings, appear before the committee, and file comments with NAC/AEGL.

9. Duration and Termination:

This charter will be in effect for two years from the date it is filed with Congress. After this two-year period, the charter may be renewed in accordance with Section 14 of FACA (5 U.S.C. App. 2 § 14).

10. Member Composition:

NAC/AEGL will be composed of approximately thirty (30) members. Members will serve as Representative members of non-Federal interests or as Regular Government Employees (RGE). In selecting members, EPA will consider candidates from Federal, state, and local governments, private industry and organizations associated with private industry, labor unions, medical organizations, academic institutions; environmental groups, environmental justice, and non-profit entities.

11. Subgroups:

EPA, or the NAC/AEGL with EPA's approval, may form subcommittees or workgroups for any purpose consistent with this charter. Such subcommittees or workgroups may not work independently of the chartered committee and must report the recommendations and advice to the NAC/AEGL for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees or workgroups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered committee nor can they report directly to the EPA.

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Agency Approval Date

October 22, 2007

GSA Consultation Date

November 2, 2007

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