

# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY CHARTER

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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1. **Advisory Committee's Official Designation:**

Local Government Advisory Committee

2. **Authority:**

This charter renews the Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC), which was established October 30, 1992, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. 10. The LGAC is in the public interest and supports the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in performing its duties and responsibilities under federal environmental statutes.

3. **Objectives and Scope of Activities:**

Cooperative federalism is integral to the operation of EPA and one of the five pillars of the current administration, as the responsibility of implementing many programs that ensure Americans have clean air and water, safe drinking water, and environmentally sound waste disposal, often falls to state, local, tribal and territorial governments. The LGAC has been a keystone of the EPA's commitment to cooperative federalism since its inception.

The LGAC is an independent, policy-oriented advisory committee of elected and appointed officials from these governments. They provide policy advice and recommendations to the EPA Administrator to assist the agency in ensuring that its regulations, policies, guidance, and technical assistance both support and improve the capacity of local governments to implement and carry out these programs.

4. **Description of Duties:**

The LGAC provides independent policy advice and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on:

- a. How EPA's policies, procedures, and practices impact local governments and how effective intergovernmental partnerships can help further the Agency's mission and priority areas. For the years 2026-2028 these areas include:
  - i. ensuring clean air, land and water for every American;
  - ii. restoring American energy dominance;
  - iii. permitting reform;
  - iv. strengthening cooperative federalism; and
  - v. promoting cross-Agency partnerships.

- b. Ways to improve performance measurement and disseminate new environmental protection techniques and technologies among local governments;
  - c. Ways the EPA and states can help local governments strengthen their capacity to promote environmental quality;
  - d. Projects to help local governments deal with the challenge of financing environmental protection infrastructure; and
  - e. Any changes needed to allow flexibility and innovation and to accommodate local needs without compromising environmental performance, accountability, or fairness.
5. **Agency or Federal Officer Receiving the Advisory Committee's Advice/Recommendations:**  
The LGAC will submit advice and recommendations, and report to the EPA Administrator, through the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations.
6. **Support:**  
Support will be provided by the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Office of the Administrator.
7. **Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years:**  
The estimated annual operating cost of the LGAC is \$360,000 which includes the estimated costs for 1.6 staff years of support and includes \$75,000 for travel.
8. **Designated Federal Officer:**  
The Administrator must designate a federal officer or employee who must be either full-time or permanent part-time, to be the DFO for each advisory committee and its subcommittees, and the DFO must:
- A. Ensure their advisory committee activities comply with the Act, FACA Final Rule, their agency administrative procedures, and any other applicable laws and regulations;
  - B. Approve or call all meetings of the advisory committee or subcommittee;
  - C. Approve the agenda, except that this requirement does not apply to a Presidential advisory committee;
  - D. Attend all advisory committee and subcommittee meetings for their duration;
  - E. Fulfill the requirements under § 10(b) of the Act (codified at 5 U.S.C. 1009(b));
  - F. Adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines it to be in the public interest;
  - G. Chair any meeting when so directed by the agency head
  - H. Maintain information on advisory committee activities and provide such information to the public, as applicable; and

- I. Ensure advisory committee members and subcommittee members, as applicable, receive the appropriate training ( *e.g.*, FACA overview, ethics training) for efficient operation and compliance with the Act and FACA Final Rule.

9. **Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings:**

The LGAC expects to meet in person or by teleconference approximately three (3) to six (6) times a year and approved by the DFO. The EPA may pay travel and per diem expenses when determined necessary and appropriate.

As required by the FACA, the LGAC will hold open meetings unless the EPA Administrator determines that a meeting or a portion of a meeting may be closed to the public in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c). Interested persons may attend meetings, appear before the committee as time permits, and file comments with the LGAC.

10. **Duration:**

The duration of LGAC is continuing, subject to the Termination section below.

11. **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 as authorized in accordance with Section 14 of the FACA.

12. **Membership and Designation:**

The LGAC will be composed of approximately thirty (30) elected and appointed state, local, tribal, and territorial government officials. Members will serve as representative members of non-federal interests. In selecting members, the EPA will consider candidates who are currently elected or appointed officials representing: states, counties, cities, other local governments, small communities, tribal governments, and territorial governments.

13. **Subcommittees:**

The EPA, or the LGAC with the EPA's approval, may form additional subcommittees or workgroups for any purpose consistent with this charter. Such subcommittees or workgroups may not work independently of the committee and must report their recommendations and advice to the chartered LGAC 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.

14. **Recordkeeping:**

The records of the committee, formally and informally established subcommittees, or other subgroups of the committee, will be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 6.2 and EPA Records Schedule 1024 or other approved agency records

disposition schedule. Subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, these records will be available for public inspection and copying, in accordance with Section 10(b) of the FACA.

15. **Filing Date:**

10/08/25  
Agency Approval Date

11/06/25  
GSA Consultation Date

11/12/25  
Date Filed with Congress