

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. NAC/AEGL is in the public interest and supports EPA in performing its duties and responsibilities.

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

NAC/AEGL is a policy-oriented committee that will provide policy 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 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 to provide non-scientific or policy advice to EPA.

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 \$650,000 which includes 2.5 person-years of support.

8. Designated Federal Officer:

A full-time or permanent part-time employee of EPA will be appointed as the Designated Federal Officer (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.

9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings:

NAC/AEGL expects to meet approximately two (2) times a year. Meetings may occur approximately once every six (6) 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.

As required by FACA, the NAC-AEGL 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 subsection c of Section 552b of Title 5. Interested persons may attend meetings, appear before the committee as time permits, and file comments with NAC/AEGL.

10. 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 .

11. 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). Members are selected to represent the points of view held by specific organizations, associations, or classes of individuals. 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.

12. 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.

13. Recordkeeping:

The records of the committee, formally and informally established subcommittees, or other subgroups of the committee, shall be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 26, Item 2 or other approved agency records disposition schedule. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act and subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

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