FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE NATIONAL COOPERATIVE GEOLOGIC MAPPING PROGRAM CHARTER

Official Designation: Federal Advisory Committee (the Committee) for the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program (NCGMP).

Scope and Objectives: The Committee will advise the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) on planning and implementation of the NCGMP.

Description of Duties: The Committee shall review and update the 5-year strategic plan prepared by the Director of the USGS; review the scientific progress of the NCGMP; provide a scientific overview of geologic maps used or disseminated by Federal agencies for regulation or land-use planning; and submit an annual report to the Secretary, through the Director of the USGS, that evaluates the progress of the Federal, State, and university geologic mapping activities and evaluates the progress made toward fulfilling the purposes of the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992, as amended by the National Geologic Mapping Reauthorization Acts of 1997, 1999, and 2009 (collectively, the Act).

Duration: The Committee is expected to continue to function until the Act is no longer authorized.

Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports: The Committee reports to the Director of the USGS.

Bureau Responsible for Providing Necessary Support: USGS.

Estimated Annual Operating Costs: The annual operating costs associated with supporting the Committee's functions are estimated to be not greater than $15,000. It is estimated that less than 0.25 FTE will be required to support the Committee.

Allowances for Committee Members (compensation, travel, per diem, etc.): Members of the Committee serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business, members engaged in Committee business approved by the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Government service under Section 5703 of Title 5 of the United States Code.

Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings: It is anticipated that the Committee will meet at least once annually.

Termination Date: The Committee is subject to the provision of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2, and shall take no action unless the charter filing requirements of Section 9 of FACA have been complied with. The Committee is subject to biennial review and will terminate 2 years from the date the charter is filed, unless, prior to that time, the charter is renewed in accordance with Section 14 of FACA.

Committee Membership: The Committee is composed of 11 members: 4 ex officio members and 7 members appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Association of American State Geologists (AASG):

- Ex officio — the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency or a designee,
- Ex officio — the Secretary of the Interior or a designee from a land management agency of the Department of the Interior,
- Ex officio — the Secretary of Energy or a designee,
- Ex officio — the Secretary of Agriculture or a designee,
- Two representatives from the USGS, including the Associate Director for Geology as Chair,
- Two representatives from the State geological surveys to represent the AASG,
- One representative from academia to represent university geoscience departments, and
- Two representatives from the private sector to represent the geoscience industry.

Ethics Responsibilities of Members: No Committee or subcommittee member shall participate in any specific party matter including a lease, license, permit, contract, claim, agreement, or related litigation with the Department of the Interior in which the member has a direct financial interest.

Designated Federal Officer: Program Coordinator, NCGMP, USGS.

Subgroups: The DFO, in consultation with the Committee, may establish such workgroups or subcommittees as he/she deems necessary for the purposes of compiling information or conducting research. However, such workgroups may only work within these parameters and must report to the full committee.

Authority: The Committee is established pursuant to the Act.

Ken Salazar

Secretary of the Interior

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Date Signed

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