

**FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE
NATIONAL COOPERATIVE GEOLOGIC MAPPING PROGRAM
CHARTER**

Official Designation: Federal Advisory Committee for the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program

Scope and Objectives: The Committee will provide advice and recommendations to the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) on planning and implementation of the geologic mapping program.

Description of Duties: The Committee shall periodically review and critique the draft implementation plan prepared by the Secretary, acting through the Director of the USGS for the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program; review the scientific progress of the Program; and submit an annual report to the Secretary that evaluates the progress of the Federal, State, and university geologic mapping activities and evaluates the progress made toward fulfilling the purposes of the Act.

Duration: The Committee, which was established pursuant to the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992, and amended by the National Geologic Mapping Reauthorization Act of 1997 and 1999, will continue to function until the Act is no longer reauthorized.

Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports: The Advisory Committee reports to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior through the Director of the USGS.

Bureau Responsible for Providing Necessary Support: USGS.

Estimated Annual Operating Costs: The estimated annual operating costs associated with supporting the Committee's functions are estimated to be not greater than \$15,000, including all direct and indirect expenses. 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 Council business approved by the Designated Federal Officer will 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 one time per year, but not less than 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 comprised of 10 representatives, who are designed to achieve balanced representation of various interests. There will be six ex officio members, and the other four members will be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Association of American State Geologists (AASG).

Ex officio member – the Advisor to the President for the Office of Science and Technology Policy or designee

Ex officio member - the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency or designee

Ex officio member - the Secretary of Agriculture or designee

Ex officio member - the Secretary of Energy or designee

Ex officio member from USGS – Associate Director for Geology as Chairman

Ex officio member from USGS

Two members from a State Geological Survey to represent the AASG

One member from academia to represent university geoscience departments

One member 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 in which the member has a direct financial interest.

Designated Federal Officer: Peter T. Lyttle, Program Coordinator, National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program, U.S. Geological Survey, 908 National Center, Reston, Virginia 20192

Subgroups: The Committee may establish such workgroups or subcommittees as it deems necessary for the purposes of compiling information or conducting research. However, such workgroups may not conduct business and must report to the full committee.

Authority: The Committee is established pursuant to the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992, as amended by the National Geologic Mapping Reauthorization Act of 1997 and 1999 (Collectively, the Act).

__Signed by Kempthorn_
Secretary of the Interior

___ September 15, 2006_
Date

__September 19, 2006__
Date Charter filed