

# NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COAL

## U.S. Department of Energy Advisory Committee Charter

- 1. Committee's Official Designation.** National Advisory Committee on Coal (NACC).
- 2. Authority.** This charter establishes the National Advisory Committee on Coal (Committee), formerly National Coal Council, under the authority of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The Committee is being reestablished in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. 2.
- 3. Objectives and Scope of Activities.** The National Advisory Committee on Coal will provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on general policy matters relating to coal, coal workers, and coal communities. The Committee activities include:
  - Advising on federal policy that affects, directly or indirectly, the production and use of coal;
  - Advising on plans, priorities and strategies to address more effectively the technological, regulatory and social impact of issues relating to coal production and use;
  - Advising on the appropriate balance between various elements of Federal coal-related programs;
  - Advising on scientific and engineering aspects of coal technologies, including coal and coal waste conversion, utilization, environmental control, and remediation concepts; and
  - Advising on economic and environmental impacts, and potential mitigation measures, in communities impacted by coal mines, coal-fired electricity generation, and coal-fired industrial plants.
- 4. Description of Duties.** The duties of the Committee are solely advisory in nature.
- 5. Official(s) to Whom the Committee Reports.** The National Advisory Committee on Coal reports to the Secretary of Energy.
- 6. Agency Responsible for Providing the Necessary Support.** Department of Energy. Within the Department, primary support shall be furnished by the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management. Report topics must be approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management.
- 7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Person-Years.** The estimated annual operating cost associated with supporting the Committee is approximately \$200,000; one half person-year.
- 8. Designated Federal Officer (DFO).** A full-time or permanent part-time Department of Energy employee, appointed in accordance with agency procedures, will serve as the DFO (or designee). The DFO (or designee) will approve or call all of the advisory committee's and subcommittee's meetings, and prepare and approve all meeting agendas, attend all Committee meetings and subcommittee meetings, and adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest.
- 9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings.** The Committee will meet approximately twice a year.

**10. Duration.** The Committee is expected to be continuing in nature.

**11. Termination.** The Committee terminates two years from the charter filing date and may not meet if the charter is not renewed biennially.

**12. Membership and Designation.** The Committee will consist of approximately 20-30 members, who will be appointed by the Secretary of Energy. Committee members will normally be appointed in a representative capacity; however, members may also be appointed as special Government employees. Membership terms shall be for a period of up to two years. Committee members may be reappointed to additional terms following review. In addition to non-Federal members, the Committee may include ex-officio representation by other Federal agencies with responsibility for aspects of policies relating to coal and coal transition.

The officers of the Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and such other officers as may be approved by the Secretary of Energy. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be elected by the Committee and will serve for a period of one to two years.

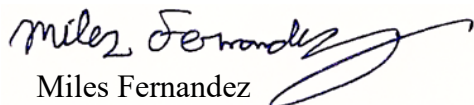
Members of the Committee serve without compensation, with a limited exception being case-by-case reimbursement in accordance with Federal travel regulations for per diem and travel expenses incurred by non-industry or not-for-profit group members while attending Committee meetings.

**13. Subcommittee(s).** To facilitate the functioning of the National Advisory Committee on Coal, subcommittees may be formed by the NACC Chairperson, with DOE approval, as appropriate. The objectives of the subcommittees are to make recommendations to the parent Committee with respect to particular matters related to the responsibilities of the parent Committee. Ad hoc members from outside the National Advisory Committee on Coal may be appointed by the NACC Chairperson and DOE to ensure the competence necessary to conduct the subcommittee's business. Such subcommittees or work groups may not work independently of the chartered Committee and must report their recommendations and advice to the full Committee for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees or work groups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered Committee, nor can they report directly to the Department of Energy.

**14. Recordkeeping.** The records of the Committee shall be handled in accordance with the General Records Schedule 6.2 and Administrative Records Schedule 16, Item 8b (1.1), and approved agency records disposition schedule. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

**15. Filing Date.**

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