

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTER

CLEAN AIR ACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. **PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY.** This charter is reissued to renew the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee which was originally established on November 19, 1990 in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App.S 9(c).

The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide independent advice and counsel to the Environmental Protection Agency on policy and technical issues associated with implementation of the Clean Air Act of 1990.

2. **SCOPE OF ACTIVITY.** The Advisory Committee shall provide independent advice and counsel on the development of policy and programs necessary to implement and enforce the requirements of Clean Air Act amendments enacted in 1990. The Advisory Committee shall be consulted on economic, environmental, technical, scientific, and enforcement policy issues.

The Advisory Committee shall hold meetings, analyze issues, conduct reviews, perform studies, produce reports, make necessary recommendations, and undertake other activities necessary to meet its responsibilities. Comments, evaluations, and recommendations of the Advisory committee and responses from the Agency shall be made available for public review.

Establishment of subcommittees is authorized for purposes consistent with this charter. Such subcommittees will report to the Committee.

3. **OBJECTIVES** The advisory Committee shall advise on the development, implementation, and enforcement of the new and expanded regulatory and market-based programs required by the Clean Air Act of 1990, with the exception of the provisions of the Act that address acid rain. A separate committee was established to advise the Agency on the acid rain provisions of the Act. The programs falling under the purview of the committee include those for meeting National Ambient Air Quality Standards, reducing emissions from vehicles and vehicle fuels, reducing air toxic emissions, issuing operating permits and collecting fees, and carrying out new and expanded compliance authorities. The Clean Air Act Advisory Committee may advise on issues that cut across several program areas.

The responsibilities of the Advisory Committee include providing the Agency with advice on the following:

Approaches for new and expanded programs, including those using innovative or market-based means to achieve environmental improvements.

Potential health, environmental, and economic effects of programs required by the new amendments and the potential impacts on the public, the regulated community, state and local governments, and other federal agencies.

Policy and technical contents of proposed major EPA rulemaking and guidance required by the Clean Air Act in order to help effectively incorporate appropriate outside advice and information.

Integration of existing policies, regulations, standards, guidelines, and procedures in programs for implementing requirements of the Act.

4. COMPOSITION. The Advisory Committee shall be composed of approximately 54 members, including the chairperson, and shall be selected and appointed by the Deputy Administrator for two-year terms. Members of the Committee shall be selected on the basis of their professional qualifications and diversity of perspectives that will enable them to provide advice and guidance to the Agency in implementing the new Clean Air Act Amendments.

Advisory Committee members shall be appointed in a balanced representation from the following sectors: business and, industry; academic institutions; state and local governments; unions; nongovernmental and environmental organizations and service groups. Most members will be appointed as representatives of non-federal interests.

The Advisory Committee is authorized to form subcommittees to consider specific issues or actions and report back to the Committee.

5. MEETINGS. Meetings will be held at least three times a year, or as necessary, as determined by the Chairperson. A full-time employee of the Agency, who will serve as the Designated Federal Officer, will be present at all meetings and is authorized to adjourn any meeting whenever it is determined to be in the public interest. Each meeting will be conducted in accordance with an agenda approved in advance of the meeting by the Designated Federal Officer.

The estimated annual operating cost of the Advisory Committee and its subcommittees is \$350,000, which includes 0.8 work years of staff support. The Office of Air and Radiation will provide the necessary support for the Committee.

6. DURATION. The Committee shall be needed on a continuing basis and may be renewed, for two years, as authorized in accordance with section 14 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

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