U.S. Department of the Interior
U. S. Geological Survey

National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program Advisory Committee

Charter

1. **COMMITTEE'S OFFICIAL DESIGNATION.** The official designation of the Committee is the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program Advisory Committee (Committee).

2. **AUTHORITY.** The Committee is established by the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992, 43 U.S.C. § 31d, as amended, and the Energy Policy Act of 2005, 42 U.S.C. § 15908. The Committee is also established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C., App., 2.

3. **OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES.** The Committee will advise the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) through the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey (Director) on planning and implementation of the National Cooperative Geological Mapping Program (NCGMP) and the National Geological and Geophysical Date Preservation Program (NGGDPP).

4. **DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES.** The Committee shall review and update the NCGMP and NGGDPP 5-year strategic plans.

   For the NCGMP, the Committee will review the scientific progress of the NCGMP; provide a scientific overview of geologic maps (including maps of geologic-based hazards) used or disseminated by Federal agencies for regulation or land-use planning; and submit an annual report to the Secretary through the Director 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.

   For the NGGDPP, the Committee shall advise the Secretary on developing guidelines and procedures for providing assistance for archive facilities; review and critique the draft implementation plan; identify useful studies of date archived under the NGGDPP that will advance understanding of the Nation's energy and mineral resources, geologic hazards, and engineering geology; review the progress of the NGGDPP in archiving significant data and preventing the loss of such data, and the scientific progress of the studies funded under the NGGDPP; and include in the annual report to the Secretary required above an evaluation of the progress of the NGGDPP toward fulfilling its purposes under the NGGDPP.

5. **AGENCY OR OFFICIAL TO WHOM THE COMMITTEE REPORTS.** The Committee will report to the Secretary through the Director.

6. **SUPPORT**. Support for the Committee is provided by the U. S. Geological Survey.

7. **ESTIMATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS AND STAFF YEARS.** The annual operating costs associated with supporting the Committee's functions are estimated to be $40,000, including all direct and indirect expenses and .25 staff year support.

8. **DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICER.** The DFO is the Program Coordinator for the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program, and is a full-time Federal employee appointed in accordance with Agency procedures. The DFO will approve or call all Committee or subcommittee meetings, prepare and approve all meeting agendas, attend all Committee and subcommittee meetings, adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest, and chair meetings when directed to do so by the Secretary or the Director.

9. **ESTIMATED NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS.** The Committee will meet approximately 1-2 times annually, and at such times as designated by the DFO.

10. **DURATION.** Continuing.

11. **TERMINATION.** The Committee will terminate 2 years from the date the Charter is filed, unless, prior to that date it is renewed in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of the FACA. The Committee will not meet or take any action without a valid current charter.

12. **MEMBERSHIP AND DESIGNATION.** The Committee is composed of 11 members: 4 Federal agency Ex officio members and 7 members appointed by the Secretary, in consultation with the Association of American State Geologists (AASG):

    - Two members from the State geological surveys to represent the AASG;
    - Two members from the U.S. Geological Survey, including the Associate Director for Geology as Chair;
    - Two members from the private sector to represent the geoscience industry;
    - One member from academia to represent university geoscience departments;
    - Ex officio – Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency or a designee;
    - Ex officio – Secretary of Energy or a designee;
    - Ex officio – Secretary of Agriculture or a designee; and
    - Ex officio – Secretary of the Interior or a designee from a land management agency of the Department of the Interior.

    A vacancy on the Committee will be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

    Members of the Committee and its subcommittee members serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business, Committee and subcommittee members engaged in Committee or subcommittee business, approved by the 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.

13. **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 as a direct financial interest.

14. **SUBCOMMITTEES.** Subject to the DFO's approval, subcommittees may be formed for the purpose of compiling information or conducting research. However, such subcommittees must act under the direction of the DFO and must report their recommendations to the full Committee for consideration. Subcommittees must not provide advice or work products directly to the Agency. The Committee Chair, with the approval of the DFO, will appoint subcommittee members. Subcommittees will meet as necessary to accomplish their assignments, subject to the approval of the DFO and the availability of resources.

15. **RECORDKEEPING** . The records of the Committee, and formally and informally established subcommittees 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, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, U.S.C. 552.

Ken Salazar
Secretary of the Interior

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