DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

CHARTER

BIOLOGICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. Committee's Official Designation:

Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee

2. Committee's Objectives and Scope of Activities and Duties:

The Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee provides advice and guidance in response to charges from the Director, Office of Science, on the Biological and Environmental Research Program, including:

a. Periodic reviews of elements of the Biological and Environmental Research Program managed by the Office of Biological and Environmental Research and recommendations based thereon;

b. Advice on long-range plans, priorities, and strategies to address more effectively the scientific aspects of energy-related biological and environmental issues of departmental policies and programs; and

c. Advice on appropriate levels of funding to develop those plans, priorities, and strategies and to help maintain appropriate balance among competing elements of the Biological and Environmental Research Program.

3. Time Period Necessary for the Committee to Carry Out Its Purpose:

In view of the goals and purposes of the Committee, it is expected to be continuing in nature.

4. Official to Whom This Committee Reports:

The Committee will report to the Director, Office of Science.

5. Agency Responsible for Providing Necessary Support for This Committee:

The Department of Energy. Within the Department, primary support shall be furnished by the Director, Office of Science, through the Office of Biological and Environmental Research.

6. Description of Duties for Which the Committee is Responsible:

The duties of the Committee are solely advisory and are stated in Paragraph 2, above.

7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs in Dollars and Person-Years:

$210,000; one-quarter person-year.

8. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings:

The Committee will meet approximately two times a year, at least once each half year.

9. Committee's Termination Date (If less than two years from date of establishment or renewal):

Not applicable.

10. Subcommittee(s):

To facilitate the functioning of the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee, subcommittees may be formed. The objectives of the subcommittees are to make recommendations to the Committee with respect to particular matters related to the responsibilities of the Committee. Ad hoc members from outside the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee may be appointed to ensure the competency necessary to conduct the subcommittee's business.

11. Members:

a. Committee members shall be appointed by the Secretary of Energy.

b. Members shall be experts in their respective fields or representatives of entities including, among others, research facilities and academic institutions, should the Committee's task require such representation.

b. Approximate number of Committee members: 25.

c. Membership will be renewed once every two years. Committee members may be reappointed to additional terms.

12. Chairperson:

The Chairperson shall be appointed by the Secretary of Energy.

This Charter for the Advisory Committee named above is hereby approved on:

10/21/05
Date

James N. Solit
Advisory Committee Management Officer

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Date Filed