ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee Charter

1. **Committee's Official Designation** Advisory Committee for Environmental Research and Education (the Committee), #9487

2. **Authority** This Committee is being established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. and the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §1861 et. seq.

3. **Objective and Scope of Activities** To provide advice and recommendations concerning support of the National Science Foundation's environmental research and education portfolio.

4. **Description of Duties** The Committee will advise NSF on the impact of its research support and NSF-wide policies on the scientific community; provide input into developing long-range plans; and advise on program management, overall program balance, and other aspects of program performance for the NSF environmental research portfolio.

   The Committee will provide an important base of contact with the scientific community encompassed by the various disciplines of the Foundation's environmental research portfolio.

5. **Official to Whom the Committee Reports** The Committee reports to the Assistant Director for Geosciences.

6. **Agency Responsible for Providing the Necessary Support** The National Science Foundation will be responsible for financial and administrative support.

7. **Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years** The estimated annual operating cost of the Committee is about $217,000 that includes about $76,000 in staff support costs. Staff support is approximately .6 person-year.

8. **Designated Federal Officer** A full-time or permanent part-time NSF employee will serve as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO). The DFO will approve or call the Committee and subcommittee meetings, prepare and approve meeting agendas, attend committee 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 Assistant Director for Geosciences.

   The Chair of the NSF Working Group for Environmental Research and Education will serve as DFO. Alternate DFOs may be appointed.

9. **Estimate Number and Frequency of Meetings** The committee will meet approximately two times a year.

10. **Duration** It is expected that the Committee will continue indefinitely with renewals of the charter every two years as required under FACA.

11. **Termination** The committee is subject to biennial review and will terminate 2 years from the date the charter is filed, unless the charter is renewed in accordance with Section 14 of FACA.

12. **Memberships and Designation** The standing membership of the full committee will consist of approximately 24 individuals selected to be representative of the scientific areas and types of institutions encompassed by the Foundation's environmental research activities. Every effort is made to achieve a diverse membership and representation, including individuals from underrepresented groups, various institutional types, including non-academic, as well as different geographic regions of the U.S. It is anticipated that members will be comprised of Special Government Employees (SGE) and Regular Government Employees (RGE).

13. **Subcommittees** NSF may form subcommittees for any purpose consistent with this charter. Such subcommittees may not work independently and must report their recommendation and advice to the full committee for full deliberation and discussion.

14. **Recordkeeping** The records of the Committee shall be handled according to section 2, General Records Schedule 26 or applicable agency records disposition schedule.

15. **Certification**
This Committee is determined to be necessary and in the public interest.

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