

2020 Current Fiscal Year Report: Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Homeland Security

2. Fiscal Year

2020

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety
Advisory Committee

3b. GSA

Committee No.

687

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

06/14/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

06/14/2020

7. Expected Term Date

09/30/2020

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

Section 621 of Public
Law 111-281

8c. Actual Term Date

09/30/2020

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Yes

10b. Legislation Pending?

Enacted

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Section 19 of the Coast
Guard Authorization Act of
1991 (P.L. 102-241, Section
19, as amended by P.L.
111-281, Section 621)

13. Effective Date

12/19/1991 Continuing No

14. Committee Type

14c. Presidential?

15. Description of Committee

Non Scientific Program Advisory
Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a. Open

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee is effective in advising the Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District, on issues that affect navigation safety on the Lower Mississippi River. It also provides expertise on

matters such as communications, surveillance, traffic management and anchorages. The Committee accomplishes its task mostly through the meetings. This Committee is necessary and of public interest and has provided an active forum for maritime safety concerns on matters pertaining to the transit of vessels and products to and from the ports of the Lower Mississippi River.

LMRWSAC's members represent those entities that use the affected waterways and provide a broad range of knowledge and experience that would otherwise not be available to the Coast Guard. The Committee has continued to assume an increasingly active role in providing advice that addresses hurricane readiness and resolves navigation safety issues for the Lower Mississippi River area to include the mouth, approaches, and side channels of the Mississippi River (including Baptiste Collette and Tiger Pass), from 10 miles below the Sea Buoy to Baton Rouge.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

LMRWSAC normally consists of twenty-five members who are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of Department of Homeland Security. Each member has expertise, knowledge, and experience regarding the transportation, equipment, and techniques that are used to ship cargo and navigate vessels on the Lower Mississippi River and its connecting navigable waterways, including the Gulf of Mexico.

(1) Five members representing River Port Authorities between Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and the head of passes of the Lower Mississippi River, of which one member is from the Port of St. Bernard and one member is from the Port of Plaquemines. (2) Two members representing vessel owners or ship owners domiciled in the

State of Louisiana.(3) Two members representing organizations which operate harbor tugs or barge fleets in the geographical area covered by the Committee.(4) Two members representing companies which transport cargo or passengers on the navigable waterways in the geographical area covered by the Committee.(5) Three members representing State Commissioned Pilot organizations, with one member each representing the New Orleans/Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots Association, the Crescent River Port Pilots Association, and the Associated Branch Pilots Association.(6) Two at-large members who utilize water transportation facilities located in the geographical area covered by the Committee.(7) Three members representing consumers, shippers, or importers/exporters that utilize vessels which utilize the navigable waterways covered by the Committee.(8) Two members representing those licensed merchant mariners, other than pilots, who perform shipboard duties on those vessels which utilize navigable waterways covered by the Committee.(9) One member representing an organization that serves in a consulting or advisory capacity to the maritime industry.(10) One member representing an environmental organization.(11) One member representing the general public.(12) One member representing the Associated Federal Pilots and Docking Masters of Louisiana.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Committee possesses such a wide spectrum of maritime expertise and it is essential to the successful development and implementation of Coast Guard initiatives in areas concerning navigation safety on the Lower Mississippi River (LMR). LMRWSAC has been instrumental in

exploring and addressing ideas and issues that have resulted in tangible improvements to safety and efficiency on the Lower Mississippi River. The Committee continues to serve as a vital and necessary voice within Coast Guard Eight District. With the Committee meetings of 3 hours in duration, twice annually, has proved to be sufficient time to allow all topics to be thoroughly discussed and addressed.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

LMRWSAC provides advice to the Coast Guard on matters such as communications, surveillance, traffic management, anchorages, the development and operation of the New Orleans Vessel Traffic Service, and other issues dealing with navigation safety on the Lower Mississippi River (LMR). LMRWSAC is the only Committee that is empowered by federal statute to speak officially for the maritime industry on matters of maritime safety on the Lower Mississippi River. Utilizing a strategic planning process, the Committee identifies major issues and actively works to ensure that they are addressed, while ensuring the voice of the maritime community is clearly represented.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

The LMRWSAC completed its work as mandated by statute. FY20 Update: LMRWSAC charter expired on September 30, 2020, and will not continue.

Designated Federal Officer

Kristi M Luttrell Commander, Sector New Orleans

Narrative Description

The Committee completed its work with the issuance of its final report in December 2018.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Other

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Cost Savings Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

N/A

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Not applicable.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities

☐

Reallocated resources

☐

Issued new regulation

☐

Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A