

2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction

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| 1. Department or Agency | 2. Fiscal Year |
| Department of Commerce | 2026 |
| 3. Committee or Subcommittee | 3b. GSA Committee No. |
| Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction | 29142 |

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| 4. Is this New Fiscal Year? | 5. Current Charter | 6. Expected Renewal Date | 7. Expected Term Date |
| No | 04/19/2024 | 04/19/2028 | |

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| 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year? | 8b. Specific Termination Authority | 8c. Actual Term Date |
| No | | |

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| 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year | 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate? | 10b. Legislation Pending? |
| Continue | Not Applicable | Not Applicable |

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

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| 12. Specific Establishment Authority | 13. Effective Date | 14. Committee Type | 14c. Presidential? |
| Section 103 of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP) Reauthorization Act of 2004 (P. L. 108-360), 42 U.S.C. § 7704(a)(5), and was established pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 1001 et seq. | 10/25/2004 | Continuing | No |

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total
Number of No Reports for
Reports this FiscalYear

17a. 0 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 0
Open

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

| | Current | Next |
|--|----------------|-------------|
| | FY | 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 continues to act in the public interest to assess: (1) trends and developments in the science and engineering of earthquake hazards reduction; (2) effectiveness of the Program in carrying out the activities under section 103(a)(2) of the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977; (3) the need to revise the Program; and (4) the coordination, implementation, and activities of the Program.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Members are selected on the basis of established records of distinguished service in their professional community and their knowledge of issues affecting the Program. Members reflect the wide diversity of technical disciplines, competencies, and communities involved in earthquake hazards reduction. Members are drawn from industry and other communities having an active interest in the Program, such as, but not limited to, research and academic institutions, industry standards development organizations, state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, and financial communities, who are qualified to provide advice on earthquake hazards reduction and represent all related scientific, architectural, social, and engineering disciplines. The diverse membership of the Committee assures expertise reflecting the breadth of the Committee's responsibilities, and, where possible, DOC will also consider the ethnic, racial, and gender diversity.

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

The Committee meets face-to-face at least once

per year to receive agency activity updates in a timely and efficient manner relevant to the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP). Additional meetings may be called whenever requested by the DFO or the NIST Director. To promote timely meetings and efficient spending, as directed by Executive Order 13589, the Committee conducts webinars in lieu of face-to-face meetings. Two meetings were held in FY25.

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

The Committee is necessary to fulfill the responsibility of the Department under the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2004 (42 U.S.C. §§ 7701 et seq.), which was amended in December 2018.

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

N/A

21. Remarks

This Committee functions solely as an advisory body, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The appointed Committee Chair is following the minimum requirements of the current ACEHR Charter by submitting a full report to the Director of NIST at least once every two years on its findings of the assessment carried out under the objective and scope of activities within the charter, and its recommendations for ways to improve the Program. There were 2 new recommendations in the 2025 Assessment Report. Both currently in progress as therefore are classified as "partially implemented". There is a project underway currently that is evaluating "all" recommendations

to consolidate them to a manageable list. This is one of the recommendations in the 2025 report. Changes in Membership: David Cocke, whose first term appointment was due to expire on October 31, 2024, was appointed by the NIST Director to serve a second consecutive three-year term ending 10/31/2027.

Designated Federal Officer

Jay L. Harris Acting NEHRP Director and Research Structural Engineer out of 12.

Please contact help.FACA@gsa.gov for the complete list.

Narrative Description

The Committee is mandated by P.L. 115-307, the 2018 reauthorization of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP). By statute, the Committee is composed of representatives of research & academic institutions, industry standards development organizations, state & local government, & financial committees who are qualified to provide advice on earthquake hazards reduction & represent all related scientific, architectural, & engineering disciplines. The Committee shall assess trends and developments in the science & engineering of earthquake hazards reduction; effectiveness of the program in carrying out its prescribed activities; need to revise the program; and the management, coordination, implementation, and activities of NEHRP.

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

Checked if Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery

- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

Cost Savings Comments

NA

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

118

Number of Recommendations Comments

There were two new recommendations in the 2025 Assessment Report. Both are currently in progress as therefore are classified as "partially implemented". The updated percentages are 53, 18, 6, 8, 11, 4. There is a project underway currently that is evaluating "all" recommendations to consolidate them to a manageable list. This is a one of the recommendations in the 2025 report.

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

53%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

This approximate percentage of fully implemented recommendations decreased by 1% since FY24. NEHRP is a multi-agency program; therefore, many of the recommendations are tied to funding issues that are governed by appropriations, legislation, and available resources, which can be different for each of the NEHRP agencies. Consistent with available resources, each recommendation is being addressed.

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

47%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

This approximate percentage of total implemented recommendations increased by 1% since FY24. The four agencies have acted upon or are planning to act on approximately 76% of the total recommendations in some capacity.

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

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

N/A

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
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

Action Comments

Not Applicable

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
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

Access Comments

NEHRP general web site is <https://nehrp.gov/> since this is an interagency Program.