

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Commerce

2. Fiscal Year

2025

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Advisory Committee on Earthquake
Hazards Reduction

3b. GSA

Committee No.

29142

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

04/19/2024

6. Expected Renewal Date

04/19/2026

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

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.

13. Effective Date

10/25/2004

14. Committee Type

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

16a. Total
Number of No Reports for
Reports this Fiscal Year

17a. 1 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 1
Open

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
The primary purpose of this meeting is for the Committee to discuss their 2025 Biennial Report on the Effectiveness of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP).	11/18/2024	11/18/2024

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	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 0.00 0.00
(FTE)

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee acts 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.

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. No changes in the total number of recommendations since the last Committee biennial report was submitted on September 30,

2023 and the next report won't be submitted until September 30, 2025. 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. Ellen Rathje resigned from her ACEHR appointment on June 20, 2024 due to other work and outside commitments.

Designated Federal Officer

Tina Faecke Management and Program Analyst
out of 14.

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>

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| Improved service delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

NA

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

116

Number of Recommendations Comments

There were no new recommendations in FY24. Out of the 116 recommendations, 54% (was 52%) are “fully implemented”, 16% (was 15%) are “partially implemented”, 6% (was 7%) are “in planning”, 9% (was 11%) are “under consideration”, and 11% are considered “out of scope”. Based on legislative changes by the NEHRP Reauthorization Act of 2018, 4% are considered “not applicable”.

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

54%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

This approximate percentage of fully implemented recommendations increased by 2% since FY23. 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?

46%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

This approximate percentage of total implemented recommendations increased by 2% since FY23. 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

During the March 26-27, 2024 Committee meeting, each NEHRP agency representative provided a response to the Committee addressing the September 30, 2023 ACEHR report recommendations involving their agency. The Acting NEHRP Director provided a response to the Committee addressing the general recommendations for NEHRP. The responses are posted on the NEHRP web site at <https://nehrrp.gov/committees/reports.htm>.

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

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Access Comments

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