

2021 Current Fiscal Year Report: Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Commerce

2. Fiscal Year

2021

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

34762

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

08/05/2020

6. Expected Renewal Date

08/05/2022

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?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Secretarial Decision Memorandum

13. Effective Date

07/29/2008

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0

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. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)

\$0.00 \$0.00

18d. Total

\$0.00 \$0.00

19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)

0.00 0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The purpose of the committee is to advise the Secretary of Commerce on the development and administration of programs to expand U.S. exports of civil nuclear goods and services in accordance with applicable U.S. regulations. Its advice is used to develop Department programs and activities in its role as a member of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee Working Group on Civil Nuclear Trade. The committee, comprised of industry representatives, provides for greater U.S. Government and U.S. industry coordination on international civil nuclear energy issues and on U.S. international and commercial strategic objectives.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Current members represent U.S. exporters of civil nuclear products and services and reflect the diversity of this sector, including company size and geographic location, and come from U.S. trade associations and private sector organizations involved in the manufacture, promotion and export of civil nuclear products and services. Subsectors of the industry include, but are not limited to consulting and legal services, reactor designers, engineering and construction companies and fuel services technologies providers.

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

The estimated number of meetings is 3 per year; however, in FY2020 the committee met 7 times. Discussions provide the Department with perspective on industry's interests in the international market share. Foreign state-owned competitors are one of the U.S. industry's greatest challenges. This Committee empowers the Department to support increased U.S. exports and U.S. job creation in the civil nuclear sector in ways not previously addressed. Meeting agendas are focused around pressing trade challenges for which the Department seeks industry advice.

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

The committee serves a need for consensus advice from U.S. industry to the U.S. Government on how U.S. foreign policies, programs, and activities affect the U.S. nuclear industry's competitiveness and ability to participate in the international market. There is no other mechanism by which the Secretary of Commerce is able to obtain industry consensus advice.

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

Discussion of matters determined to be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings are found in the FACA code at 5 U.S.C. app 2 §§ (10)(a)1 and 10 (a)(3). Potential topics discussed by the Committee may include: nuclear cooperation

agreements, CSC, international used nuclear fuel options, trade barriers, research and development, new innovations and USG advocacy. As such, these topics contain information that is business confidential, may address particularly sensitive programs and activities of the U.S. government, reveal financial information about the industry or Committee participants and is of a sensitive nature (fuel supply and nonproliferation issues, for example).

21. Remarks

Cost for subcommittees are included in the budget for the parent committee.

Designated Federal Officer

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Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Clement, Christopher	08/24/2020	07/15/2021	CEO	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 1

Narrative Description

To ensure that U.S. civil nuclear commercial interests advance alongside U.S. nonproliferation policy in the expansion of nuclear energy, a need exists for consensus advice from U.S. industry to the USG on how U.S. foreign policies, programs, and activities will affect the U.S. nuclear industry's competitiveness and ability to participate in the international market. CINTAC will advise the Secretary of Commerce regarding the development and administration of programs to expand U.S. exports of civil nuclear goods and services in accordance with applicable U.S. regulations. The Department of Commerce would use this advice to carry out its activities and in its role as a member of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee (TPCC) Working Group on Civil Nuclear Trade. The CINTAC, comprised of industry representatives, would provide for greater USG and U.S. industry coordination on international civil nuclear energy issues and on U.S. international and commercial strategic objectives.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements

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Other

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Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None

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Unable to Determine

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Under \$100,000

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\$100,000 - \$500,000

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\$500,001 - \$1,000,000

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\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000

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\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000

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Over \$10,000,000

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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?

63

Number of Recommendations Comments

FY20 CINTAC sent 5 letters to the Secretary.

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

42%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Three of the six recommendations provided in FY2014 were fully implemented (52%). This includes the recommendation for ITA to conduct training programs on U.S. civil nuclear trade, for greater DOC advocacy for the civil nuclear sector, and that DOC assist in expediting license applications. All three of the FY2015 recommendations were implemented. One of the six recommendations provided in FY2016 were fully implemented (17%). This includes the recommendation to convene a Nuclear Energy

Financing Workshop. One of the seven recommendations provided in FY17 was implemented (14%) - the recommendation to appoint a White House Director for Nuclear Energy position. Combining these with recommendation implementation from previous charters of the Committee, the percentage of recommendations fully implemented is 47%. This includes the creation of the White House Director for Nuclear Energy Policy position in January of 2012. Two of the recommendations from FY20 (EXIM reauthorization and DFC lifting of nuclear prohibition) were implemented. Efforts continue to implement outstanding recommendations from previous CINTAC charters.

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

In FY2014 ITA made progress to partially implement the three recommendations that were not fully implemented. ITA will continue to engage in efforts to make further progress on these recommendations. In FY2016 ITA partially implemented four recommendations (of the six total). In FY17 ITA made efforts implement the Committee's seven recommendations. In FY18 ITA implemented 4 out of 19 recommendations. In FY19 ITA partially implemented 2 out of 4 recommendations. In FY20 ITA partially implemented 2 out of 5 recommendations.

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

We provide feedback in the form of a formal letter from the Secretary of Commerce in response to the recommendations. In addition, the DFOs have developed a communications matrix to convey the status of all recommendations. This matrix is shared as part of each committee meeting.

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

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>

Approved grants or other payments

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Other

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Action Comments

Not Applicable

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

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

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

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO

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Online Agency Web Site

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Online Committee Web Site

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Online GSA FACA Web Site

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Publications

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Other

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Access Comments

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