

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on Commercial Remote Sensing

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Commerce

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Advisory Committee on Commercial
Remote Sensing

3b. GSA

Committee No.

12150

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

03/04/2024

6. Expected Renewal Date

03/04/2026

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

None

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

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Secretarial Decision
Memorandum

13. Effective Date

03/15/2002

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

National Policy Issue 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. 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 Committee provides advice and recommendations on matters relating to the U.S. commercial remote sensing industry and NOAA's activities to carry out the Department's responsibilities set forth in the National and Commercial Space Programs Act of 2010, 51 U.S.C. Sec. 60101 and the Land Remote Sensing Policy Act of 1992 (15 CFR Part 960) and applicable U.S. Policy, which addresses the U.S. commercial remote sensing satellite industry. The Committee's duties are to: 1. gather information to define issues submitted by NOAA for

consideration by the Committee, develop positions on those issues, and present the Committee's positions to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere; 2. evaluate economic, technological, and institutional developments relating to commercial remote-sensing and submit to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere recommendations on promising new ideas and approaches for federal policies and programs; and 3. serve as a forum for the discussion of issues involving the relationship between industry activities and Government policies, programs, and regulatory requirements.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The membership is fairly balanced regarding views represented and the functions to be performed by the Committee. Membership is based on clear, standardized criteria in accordance with applicable DOC policies. The Under Secretary, after consultation with the appropriate Government agencies, industry representatives, business organizations, the scientific community, and public interest groups, appoints the members.

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

The Committee meets at least 2 times a year for full day meetings to discuss advice and recommendations in parallel to current efforts of legislative, regulatory, and national policy reforms to ensure that advice is timely and integrated in important reform channels. In FY 23 CRSRA was re-aligned from NESDIS to the Office of Space Commerce which resulted in the need to reformat this discretionary FACA into a broader space committee, negating the need for any ACCRES

meetings.

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

This Committee is essential because it provides valuable information and advice to NOAA as it carries out its regulatory responsibilities under the National and Commercial Space Programs Act of 2010, 51 U.S.C. Sec. 60101 and 15 CFR 960. The Committee has provided broad guidance to NOAA. As an independent group, the Committee has been able to factor in our broader national security and health of the industry. Advice of the ACCRES Committee is independent and includes balanced perspectives not available from other sources. The Committee is examining new approaches to foster the remote sensing industry. The Committee has continued to examine law, policy and license conditions.

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

Meetings of the Committee may be closed to the public only as authorized by Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 USC App 2), as amended, and applicable regulations. Committee meetings are closed only when discussing classified information.

21. Remarks

There are no recommendations for FY23 due to the fact no meeting was held.

Designated Federal Officer

Alan D Robinson Acting Director for NOAA

Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Banazadeh, Payam	03/15/2022	03/15/2024	CEO-Capella Space	Representative Member

Foster, Kyle	03/15/2022	03/15/2024	Leidos	Representative Member
Ingram, Eric	03/15/2022	03/15/2024	CEO-SCOUT Inc	Representative Member
Komma, Prasad	03/15/2022	03/15/2024	Microsoft Azure Space	Representative Member
Master, Todd	03/15/2022	03/15/2024	Umbra Lab LLC	Representative Member
Pomfret, Kevin	03/15/2022	03/15/2024	Attorney-Centre for Spatial Law & Policy	Representative Member
Schingler, Robert	03/15/2022	03/15/2024	Planet Labs	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 7

Narrative Description

The Committee is essential to the agency because it provides valuable information and advice to NOAA as it carries out the National Commercial Space Programs Act of 2010 and regulations, 15 CFR 960. It is important that NOAA have an independent group to provide broad guidance that factors in our broader national security and health of the industry. The Committee supports the Department of Commerce and NOAA's strategic goals by providing recommendations which are intended to maximize U.S. industry competitiveness and enable economic growth. No advisory reports were issued.

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 type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

N/A

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	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

Cost Savings are unmeasurable but empirical data indicate savings to government from alternative methods of obtaining industry input.

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

31

Number of Recommendations Comments

There were 0 recommendations because there was no meeting in FY23

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

67%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

0.00%

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

There were no recommendations partially implemented to date.

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Agency feedback is posted on the ACCRES website:

<https://www.nesdis.noaa.gov/commercial-space/regulatory-affairs/accres/accres-reports-and-mir>

The public can obtain information on agency feedback by visiting the ACCRES website.

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

NA

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A