2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Voluntary Information-Sharing System Working Group

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Transportation	2025

3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Voluntary Information-Sharing System Working Group	2605

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	11/02/2018	11/02/2020	11/02/2019

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

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Terminate	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Commitee Type	14c. Presidential?
Public Law 114-183	06/22/2016	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board

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

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 Group shall provide the Secretary of Transportation with independent advice and recommendations on the development of a voluntary information-sharing system to encourage collaborative efforts to improve inspection information feedback and information sharing with the purpose of improving gas transmission and hazardous liquid pipeline facility integrity risk analysis.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Group will consist of no more than 30 members appointed by the Secretary for a term of 3 years, including representatives from:a. PHMSA;b. Industry stakeholders, including operators of pipeline facilities, inspection technology, coating, and cathodic protection vendors, and pipeline inspection organizations;c. Safety advocacy groups;d. Research institutions;e. State public utility commissions or State officials responsible for pipeline safety oversight;f. State pipeline safety inspectors;g. Labor representatives; andh. Other entities, as determined appropriate by the Secretary.3All members serve at the pleasure of the Secretary and may be reappointed for additional terms.

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

The Group will meet approximately four times per year.

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

The Group provided recommendations to the Secretary as specifically outlined in section 10 of Public Law 114-183:a. The need for, and the identification of, a system to ensure that dig verification data are shared with in-line inspection operators to the extent consistent with the need to maintain proprietary and security-sensitive data in a confidential manner to improve pipeline safety and inspection technology;b. Ways to encourage the exchange of pipeline inspection information and the development of advanced pipeline inspection technologies and enhanced risk analysis;c. Opportunities to share data, including

dig verification data between operators of pipeline facilities and in-line inspector vendors to expand knowledge of the advantages and disadvantages of the different types of in-line inspection technology and methodologies;d. Options to create a secure system that protects proprietary data while encouraging the exchange of pipeline inspection information and the development of advanced pipeline inspection technologies and enhanced risk analysis;e. Means and best practices for the protection of safety and security-sensitive information and proprietary information; andf. Regulatory, funding, and legal barriers to sharing the information described in paragraphs (a) through (d).

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?
Not Applicable

21. Remarks
DOT recommends the termination of the group after the final recommendations were submitted to the Secretary of Transportation in April 2019.

Designated Federal Officer
Christie Murray DFO

Narrative Description
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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

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

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

42

Number of Recommendations Comments

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

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	☐
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

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable