

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Labor

2. Fiscal Year

2025

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health

3b. GSA

Committee No.

1976

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

12/09/2022

6. Expected Renewal Date

12/09/2024

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

29 U.S.C. 656

13. Effective Date

12/20/2019

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. 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 Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH) provides advice in formulating maritime industry standards and regarding matters pertaining to the administration of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSH Act) related to the maritime industry. Additionally, MACOSH provides

feedback to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) on the development of guidance and outreach materials tailored to individual sectors of the maritime industry, as well as other activities to help focus actions in the industry and reduce work-related deaths, injuries, and illnesses.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

MACOSH comprises 15 representatives appointed by the Secretary. At present, the committee consists of four management representatives, four labor representatives, three representatives of occupational safety and health professions, and four government representatives, one of whom is from a state safety and health agency, and another designated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. In addition, the head of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) is assigned to the committee as a non-voting, Special Agency Liaison (SAL) member. The SAL is assigned because of OWCP's work in administering the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, which protects most waterfront workers. Members are selected from a cross-section of parties directly affected, interested, and qualified as appropriate to the character and functions of MACOSH. To the extent permitted by law, membership is also consistent with achieving the greatest impact, scope, and credibility among diverse stakeholders.

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

The charter provides for two meetings per year. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, two meetings were held - an in-person/virtual meeting on November 14, 2023, and a virtual meeting on June 4, 2024. The

Shipyard Workgroup met 12 times and the Longshoring Workgroup met 11 times through teleconference meetings. MACOSH is expected to meet twice in FY 2025. To date the committee has provided 177 recommendations. Between 2019 and 2024, collaboration of industry experts has resulted in the development of 32 guidance products, targeting high-hazard occupations in the maritime industry, that were recommended to OSHA for publication. MACOSH meeting and workgroup materials can be found at www.regulations.gov under docket OSHA-2022-0011.

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

MACOSH provides a collective expertise, not otherwise available, to the Secretary to assist in addressing the unique hazards found in shipyards, marine cargo handling, and commercial fishing activities. The maritime industry is highly specialized, with activities ranging from manufacturing work in some shipyards, to transportation work in longshoring operations. In an effort to help reduce the high number of fatalities, injuries, and illnesses experienced in this industry, the agency seeks advice from MACOSH to provide insight on the aforementioned issues, as well as assist in the development of guidance and outreach materials, updating of regulatory requirements, and other efforts to help focus industry actions.

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

All meetings are open to the public and public participation is encouraged.

21. Remarks

None.

Designated Federal Officer

Amy Wangdahl Director, Office of Maritime and
Agriculture

| Committee Members | Start | End | Occupation | Member Designation |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|---|--------------------------|
| Arabski, Aaron | 04/12/2021 | 04/13/2025 | Noble Drilling | Representative Member |
| Egbe, Solomon | 04/12/2021 | 04/13/2025 | National Maritime Safety Association | Representative Member |
| Fiore, Robert | 01/20/2016 | 04/13/2025 | International Longshoremen's Association | Representative Member |
| Godfrey, Christopher | 01/20/2021 | 01/19/2025 | Office of Workers' Compensation Programs | Ex Officio Member |
| Goering, John | 04/12/2021 | 04/13/2025 | U.S. Dept. of Transportation - Maritime Administration | Representative Member |
| Hardt, Daniel | 05/13/2024 | 04/13/2025 | National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health | Representative Member |
| Liu, Amy | 04/13/2023 | 04/13/2025 | Sound Testing, Inc. | Representative Member |
| Nelson, Thresa | 04/13/2023 | 04/13/2025 | Chipton-Ross | Representative Member |
| Oathout, Michael | 04/12/2021 | 04/13/2025 | International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers | Representative Member |
| Raffo, Donald | 06/26/2004 | 04/13/2025 | Marine Chemist Association | Representative Member |
| Ratcliffe, John | 04/13/2023 | 04/13/2025 | Virginia International Terminals, LLC | Representative Member |
| Rone, James | 01/16/2014 | 04/13/2025 | Washington State Department of Labor and Industries | Representative Member |
| Russell, Lawrence | 04/11/2019 | 04/13/2025 | National Fire Protection Association | Representative Member |
| Turner, David | 01/20/2016 | 04/13/2025 | Yusen Terminals, LLC | Representative Member |
| Ward, David | 04/13/2023 | 04/13/2025 | U.S. Coast Guard | Representative Member |
| Wetzell, Adam | 04/13/2023 | 04/13/2025 | ILWU, Coast Longshore Division | Representative Member |

Number of Committee Members Listed: 16

Narrative Description

MACOSH provides advice in formulating maritime industry standards regarding matters pertaining to the administration of the OSH Act related to the maritime industry. Between 2019 and 2024, MACOSH recommended the publication of 32 guidance products. The agency has published 17 of those recommendations and is considering the others. Industry feedback reports that OSHA's publication of MACOSH-recommended products greatly assists employers and workers in reducing and preventing injuries, illnesses, and fatalities in the maritime industry. In addition, MACOSH continues to provide valuable input with regards to rulemaking, such as the revision or update of 29 CFR Part 1915, Subpart E.

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

N/A.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None ☐

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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

The cost savings associated with outreach in guidance development is unable to be determined at this time.

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

177

Number of Recommendations Comments

MACOSH has existed since 1995. The committee produces approximately six recommendations per year.

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

90%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Each recommendation is evaluated for its strengths and weaknesses before the agency decides the degree to which a recommendation will be implemented, if at all. While it is difficult to put precise metrics on adoption of these recommendations, OSHA believes that each recommendation, whether implemented or not, improves the program to which the recommendation relates.

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

10%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

OSHA adopts and utilizes committee recommendations in various ways, to include creating guidance documents, issuing policy updates, and initiating regulatory actions.

While all efforts are made to produce products inclusive of recommendations in their entirety, some formats do not allow nor require the full scope of the recommendation to be included. In such cases, OSHA utilizes as much committee feedback as possible in developing guidance relevant to the goal of the project.

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

OSHA provides the committee with an update on the progress of each previous recommendation during the committee meetings.

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

Checked if Applies

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Action Comments

The agency has developed new guidance products based on MACOSH recommendations.

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

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A.

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



Publications



Other



Access Comments

Additional committee documentation is available at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under Docket OSHA-2022-0011.