

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Great Lakes Advisory Board

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Environmental Protection Agency		2025	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
Great Lakes Advisory Board		80462	
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	11/20/2024	11/20/2026	
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?	
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	
11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority			
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
Clean Water Act Section 118	02/13/2012	Continuing	No
15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board			
16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this FiscalYear		
17a. Open	17b. Closed	17c. Partially Closed	Other Activities
0	0	0	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 Great Lakes Advisory Board (GLAB) supports the EPA in achieving the restoration and protection goals of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) included in Public Law 111-88, the Department of the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010, and subsequent appropriations, and the United States – Canada Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. The Great Lakes is a vast, shared resource and protecting and restoring them requires the collective ideas and experience of the Great Lakes community. The GLAB provides a forum where EPA can have the full benefit of the ideas and experience of both government and non-governmental partners. The GLAB's objectives are to provide advice and recommendations on Great Lakes protection and

restoration activities; long term goals, objectives, and priorities for Great Lakes protection and restoration; and other issues addressed by the Great Lakes Interagency Task Force/Regional Work Group.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The GLAB is composed of approximately 15 members who will serve as representative members, regular government employees (RGEs), or special government employees (SGEs). The GLAB is comprised of members that represent state, local and tribal governments, academia, industry, business/consulting, and environmental non-governmental organizations.

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

The GLAB meets approximately twice per fiscal year. Due to unforeseen circumstances , the GLAB did not have any meetings in FY 2024.

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

The EPA Administrator is the chair of the Great Lakes Interagency Task Force that consists of federal agencies responsible for implementing the GLRI. The GLRI is guided by an action plan that has been broadly endorsed by the Great Lakes states, cities, tribes, conservation groups and industries. The GLAB is composed of a cross-section of stakeholders with diverse backgrounds and areas of interest relating to the Great Lakes. The GLAB is necessary because it provides EPA with the collective recommendations of state and local governments, tribes and other Great Lakes interests to more effectively carry out Great Lakes restoration. There are no other

existing EPA advisory committees that have a mission to advise on protecting and restoring the Great Lakes. Likewise, existing committees do not have the breadth of experience that is needed to inform the Agency on Great Lakes environmental issues from various viewpoints. Bringing together a cross-section of individuals with the needed range of experience and perspectives will facilitate a more effective discussion of the technical issues and policy options that will support adequate evaluation of, and input into, EPA positions and actions.

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

N/A

21. Remarks

Designated Federal Officer

Alana Davicino Budget Analyst

Narrative Description

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 type="checkbox"/>

Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements

☐

Other

☐

Outcome Comments

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None

☐

Unable to Determine

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Under \$100,000

☐

\$100,000 - \$500,000

☐

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

☐

\$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?

65

Number of Recommendations Comments

The GLAB recognized that implementing its recommendations will involve various levels of effort as well as a range of organizational, regulatory, and legislative complexity.

Therefore, it categorized recommendations as follow: Near-term recommendations are those that are currently actionable under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) and by the Great Lakes National Program Office. Mid-term recommendations are those that require additional research or development before they could be implemented under GLRI; however, that research and development could be a near-term activity. Long-term recommendations refer to activities that are within EPA purview but may require legislative changes, new partnerships, multi-stakeholder engagement, additional investments, or other development in order to implement.

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

Recommendations provided are still under consideration by EPA GLNPO and the interagency Regional Working Group.

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

28%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Recommendations provided are still under consideration by EPA GLNPO and the interagency Regional Working Group. But nevertheless, many of the GLAB's recommendations advised for new approaches and/or continuing approaches that we have already been implementing.

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

Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

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

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	<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

Access to committee information is provided through all of the selected methods.