

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Local Government Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Environmental Protection Agency	2024
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Local Government Advisory Committee	117

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	12/06/2021	12/06/2023	

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

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	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?
AGEN	10/30/1992	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports 2

16b. Report Date	Report Title
12/15/2023	Recommendations on Cumulative Impacts
02/20/2024	Recommendations on Lead and Copper Rule Improvements

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 2

17a. Open	17b. Closed	17c. Partially Closed	Other Activities	17d. Total
1	0	0	0	1

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Discuss recommendations on Lead and Copper Rule Improvements and hear new change on Environmental Justice	02/15/2024	02/15/2024

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	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 LGAC puts forth letters and reports of advice and recommendations for EPA in carrying out Agency programs. Members serve as primary advisors for the EPA on environmental issues affecting local governments. Policy recommendations are made to inform EPA on such important issues as: water infrastructure, drinking water, small communities, regulatory issues, integrated planning, climate adaptation

and resiliency, sustainable communities, environmental financing, solid waste, brownfields, federalism, ozone standards, and watershed issues. The LGAC's work has been and will continue to be organized to support EPA's priorities and program-related goals and cross-cutting actions. Members' advice and recommendations are critical to EPA's efforts to encourage intergovernmental partnership in protecting the environment and public health. In FY2023, the LGAC held six (6) public meetings and presented recommendations on six Agency programs.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The LGAC is chartered for approximately 35 elected and appointed officials representing a range of population sizes in all EPA regions. Local officials represent various types of governments (municipal, county, town, etc.). State officials represent legislative and environmental regulatory functions. Tribal and territorial officials represent tribally and/or territorially elected and appointed officials. Members are Tier 1 (parent committee members) or Tier 2 (subcommittee members). In some cases, a member may be both Tier 1 and Tier 2.

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

The LGAC generally meets 5 times a year via teleconference and face-to-face meetings. The meeting agendas are consistent with the Administrator's priorities. The meetings are often held in coordination with EPA Regions and headquarter offices so the Committee can interact with EPA officials and feature EPA regional and program projects and speakers. The LGAC's

workgroups generally meet monthly.

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

EPA seeks the advice and recommendations from local governments concerning implementation of EPA rules and regulations, EPA programs and delivery of federal services. This Committee is unique because it brings together perspectives from different types of government, sizes of communities and geographic locations to advise EPA on means of partnering with local governments to more effectively and efficiently address environmental concerns and implementation at the local level. Local government officials are the best source of this information. Since smaller jurisdictions often have different needs than larger ones, EPA continues to seek specialized advice about the needs of small towns and communities, as well as from the broader local government community.

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

One portion of a public meeting was closed as it was deemed a preparatory meeting by EPA's Office of General Counsel.

21. Remarks

In FY2023 the LGAC produced six letters containing 63 recommendations. All Committee individual findings and recommendations are found within the Reports.

Designated Federal Officer

Paige Lieberman Designated Federal Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Baird, Leirion	08/20/2020	01/20/2025	Mayor, City of Lincoln, NE	Representative Member

Baraka, Ras	08/10/2021	12/30/2024	Mayor, Newark, NJ	Representative Member
Broome, Sharon	01/03/2023	12/30/2023	Mayor of Baton Rouge, LA	Representative Member
Brown, Gary	08/10/2021	12/30/2024	City of Detroit	Representative Member
Burke, Darcy	01/30/2023	12/30/2023	Elsinore Valley Municipal District	Representative Member
Canonico, Tricia	01/05/2024	01/20/2025	Ft. Collins, Colorado Councilmember	Representative Member
Collins, Wilmot	01/05/2024	01/20/2025	Mayor of Helena, MT	Representative Member
Donchess, Jim	01/05/2024	01/20/2025	Mayor of Nashua, NH	Representative Member
Eckel, Allison	01/05/2024	01/20/2025	Burlington County, NJ Councilmember	Representative Member
Esposito, Miki	01/03/2023	12/30/2023	Commissioner	Representative Member
Euer, Dawn	01/05/2024	01/20/2025	State Senator	Representative Member
Farley, Chandra	01/05/2024	01/20/2025	Sustainability Director, City of Atlanta, GA	Representative Member
Farrell, Jessyn	01/05/2024	01/20/2025	Sustainability Director, City of Seattle, WA	Representative Member
Fox, Sarah	01/03/2023	12/30/2023	Commissioner	Representative Member
Frey, Jacob	01/03/2023	12/30/2023	Mayor	Representative Member
Glass, Evan	01/05/2024	01/20/2025	Montgomery County, MD Councilmember	Representative Member
Hansen, Evan	01/21/2020	12/30/2023	House of Delegates	Representative Member
Kimball, Heather	01/03/2023	12/30/2023	Councilmember	Representative Member
Louijeune, Ruthzee	01/05/2024	01/20/2025	City of Boston, MA City Council President	Representative Member
Mallek, Ann	01/03/2023	12/30/2023	Supervisor	Representative Member
Menefee, Christian	01/03/2023	12/30/2023	County attorney	Representative Member
Menefee, Christian	12/30/2022	01/20/2026	Harris County, TX Attorney	Representative Member
Nicholls, Douglas	08/10/2021	12/30/2024	Mayor of Yuma, AZ	Representative Member
Nirenberg, Ron	08/10/2021	12/30/2024	Mayor, San Antonio, TX	Representative Member

Painter, David	01/03/2023	12/30/2023	commissioner	Representative Member
Patterson-Howard, Shawyn	01/05/2024	01/20/2025	City of Mount Vernon, NY Mayor	Representative Member
Pauley, Mary Lou	01/03/2023	12/30/2023	mayor	Representative Member
Pratt, Evan	01/05/2024	01/20/2025	Washtenaw County, MI Water Commissioner	Representative Member
Remer, Whitford	01/03/2023	12/30/2023	city official	Representative Member
Rhodes-Conway, Satya	08/10/2021	12/30/2024	Mayor, Madison, WI	Representative Member
Rosenberg, Katie	01/05/2024	01/20/2025	Wausau, WI Mayor	Representative Member
Sorace, Danene	01/05/2024	01/20/2025	City of Lancaster, PA Mayor	Representative Member
Stolzmann, Ashley	01/05/2024	01/20/2025	Boulder County, CO Commissioner	Representative Member
Vinis, Lucy	08/10/2021	12/30/2023	Mayor, Eugene, OR	Representative Member
Whittington, La'Meshia	01/05/2024	01/20/2025	State of North Carolina Advisory Board	Representative Member
Witte, Jeff	01/05/2024	01/20/2025	State of New Mexico	Representative Member
Carroll, Tom [Small Community Advisory Subcommittee]	08/10/2021	12/30/2023	Town Manager, Silverton, OH	Representative Member
Dumas, Kevin [Small Community Advisory Subcommittee]	01/03/2023	01/03/2024	Town Manager	Representative Member
Godes, Jonathan [Small Community Advisory Subcommittee]	01/03/2023	01/03/2024	Council Member	Representative Member
Jenkins, Velma [Small Community Advisory Subcommittee]	01/03/2023	01/03/2024	Mayor	Representative Member
Koch, Denise [Small Community Advisory Subcommittee]	01/03/2023	01/03/2024	Director	Representative Member
Leon, Rey [Small Community Advisory Subcommittee]	01/03/2023	01/03/2024	Mayor	Representative Member
Mallek, Ann [Small Community Advisory Subcommittee]	01/21/2020	12/30/2023	County Commissioner	Representative Member
Palmer, Tyler [Small Community Advisory Subcommittee]	01/03/2023	01/03/2024	Supervisor	Representative Member

Perkins, James [Small Community Advisory Subcommittee]	01/03/2023	01/03/2024	Mayor	Representative Member
Puckett, Greg [Small Community Advisory Subcommittee]	01/03/2023	01/03/2024	County Commissioner	Representative Member
Rich, Kimberly [Small Community Advisory Subcommittee]	01/03/2023	01/03/2024	Alderman	Representative Member
Shropshire, Kevin [Small Community Advisory Subcommittee]	01/03/2023	01/03/2024	Coordinator	Representative Member
Stutsman, Jeremy [Small Community Advisory Subcommittee]	08/10/2021	12/30/2023	Mayor, Goshen, IN	Representative Member
Swope, Sophie [Small Community Advisory Subcommittee]	01/03/2023	01/03/2024	Councilmember	Representative Member
Zolezi, Michele [Small Community Advisory Subcommittee]	01/03/2023	01/03/2024	Township Vice President	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 51

Narrative Description

The LGAC generally supports EPA's goals by providing advice relevant and meaningful to inform the Agency on environmental matters affecting local governments. Its purpose is to provide advice and recommendations that assist the EPA in developing a stronger partnership with local governments through building state and local capacity to deliver environmental services and programs. The LGAC provides recommendations to the EPA on a broad range of topics, including: regulatory innovation and reform, environmental protection tools, pollution prevention, new technologies, performance measurement, and appropriate roles of the various governmental levels in efficient and coordinated environmental management. The LGAC also communicates with local government officials on sustainable water infrastructure and to assist them in commenting on key agency documents. The Committee continues to advise the agency on the effects of policy, rules & regulations to local governments and small communities. The LGAC's focus in FY2023 was on implementing the Inflation Reduction Act.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Improving intergovernmental cooperation and collaboration on cross-cutting environmental issues.

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

At this time, it is difficult to estimate a cost savings from advice due to the many intervening variables of agency and stakeholder actions necessary to actually see cost savings.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee

for the life of the committee?

1,437

Number of Recommendations Comments

LGAC has produced more than 1,400 recommendations since the committee was first established. In FY2023, the LGAC put forward 63 recommendations across six reports.

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

41%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The agency responds directly to the committee in writing and through public meetings with the Administrator. The agency response letters, when created, are posted on EPA's website.

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

52%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

The agency is in the early stages of implementing the work that the LGAC provided recommendations on, so several recommendations are only partially implemented

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Yes, EPA responds to all recommendations either in writing or verbally. The EPA Administrator and EPA Senior level officials meet in person with the Committee on a regular basis and report back to the Committee on the agency's response to their recommendations.

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	<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

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

Access Comments

LGAC work products are available on EPA's website and to the public by request.