

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Drinking Water Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Environmental Protection Agency

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

National Drinking Water Advisory Council

3b. GSA Committee No.

163

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

10/18/2022

6. Expected Renewal Date

10/18/2024

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?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 300 j5

13. Effective Date

12/16/1974

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports 1

16b. Report Date

Report Title

December 14, 2023: NDWAC Letter to the Administrator on Potential Revisions to Microbial and Disinfection Byproducts Rules

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

17a.

Open

3 17b. Closed0 17c. Partially Closed0 Other Activities0 17d. Total3

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
To allow members of NDWAC's Microbial and Disinfection Byproducts (MDBP) Rule Revisions Working Group to present their emergent recommendations to the Council on issues included in EPA's November 2021 charge to the NDWAC on potential revisions to MDBP rules.	10/11/2023	10/11/2023
To review the report of the Microbial and Disinfection Byproducts (MDBP) Rule Revisions Working Group to the Council and to develop advice and recommendations from the Council to the EPA Administrator on issues included in EPA's November 2021 charge to the Council on potential revisions to MDBP rules.	11/28/2023	11/30/2023
To allow EPA to consult with the NDWAC as required by the SDWA on a final National Primary Drinking Water Regulation: Lead and Copper Rule Improvements.	01/31/2024	01/31/2024

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 3

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$8,022.95	\$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	\$8,022.95	\$0.00

19. Federal Staff Support Years 0.00 0.00
(FTE)

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The National Drinking Water Advisory Council (NDWAC) is a Federal Advisory Committee that supports EPA in performing the Agency's duties and responsibilities related to the national drinking water program. The NDWAC was created on December 16, 1974, through a provision in the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) of 1974. The NDWAC meets to discuss current issues in EPA's drinking water program and also advises, consults with, and makes recommendations to EPA. This includes consultations as required by the SDWA on certain rulemakings.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The NDWAC is authorized under the SDWA, which includes a provision on the composition of the membership of the Council. The NDWAC is to have five (5) members from the general public, five (5) members from water interest groups and organizations and five (5) members from state and local agencies. Included in the statute is a requirement that two (2) of the 15 members must be associated with small, rural drinking water systems. EPA seeks to ensure geographic diversity.

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

Since the enactment of the 1996 SDWA Amendments, the NDWAC has provided indispensable input into EPA's standard setting, regulatory development, and program implementation activities mandated by the SDWA,

as amended. As EPA carries out these statutory mandates, the agency works with the NDWAC to develop and shape future efforts that will ensure the Nation's public health protection through safe drinking water. The NDWAC has met three times in FY24.

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

Early involvement of the NDWAC provides an excellent forum for EPA to discuss and receive stakeholder input on policy, regulatory development, and program implementation issues/concerns. Moreover, the NDWAC offers an opportunity for fostering consensus advice and recommendations from a balanced and diverse group of experts in the drinking water community who may not reach agreement without working together within the structure of the NDWAC. To reach an appropriate position on difficult and controversial issues, the NDWAC organizes meetings so that all sides of an issue/concern are taken into consideration and recommendations reflect consensus to the extent possible.

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

No meetings were closed or partially closed.

21. Remarks

All members are Tier 1 (parent committee members). There are no Tier 2 (subcommittee) members serving.

Designated Federal Officer

Elizabeth J. Corr Designated Federal Officer,
Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
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Employee Name	Start Date	End Date	Position	Agency	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Barney, Yolanda	02/28/2021	12/15/2025	Tier 1, State/Local Government, Environmental Program Manager, Public Water System Supervision Program, Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency		Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Betanzo, Elin	02/28/2022	12/15/2024	Tier 1, General Public, Founder and Principal, Safe Water Engineering, LLC, Detroit, MI		Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Borman, D. Scott	06/02/2019	12/15/2024	Tier One, Water Interest-Small Rural Systems, General Manager, Benton Washington Regional Public Water Authority, Rogers AR		Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Campbell-Ferrari, Alexandra	11/25/2018	12/15/2023	Tier 1, General Public, Co-Founder and Executive Director, The Center for Water Security and Cooperation		Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Chard, Shellie	02/28/2021	12/15/2025	Tier 1, State/Local Government, Director, Water Quality Division, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality		Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Daniels, Lisa	06/02/2019	12/15/2024	<p>Tier 1, State/Local Government, Director, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection thru 12/29/23; General Public thereafter</p> <p>Tier 1, State/Local Government, Program Director, Bureau of Drinking Water and Groundwater, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources</p>	<p>Special Government Employee (SGE) Member</p>
Elmore, Steven	02/28/2022	12/15/2026	<p>Tier 1, State/Local Government, Director of Water Operations, Pechanga Tribal Government, Temecula, CA</p>	<p>Special Government Employee (SGE) Member</p>
Jones, Anthony (Eagle)	03/14/2022	12/15/2024	<p>Tier 1, Water Interest-Small Rural Systems, Alaska Representative to the Board of Directors, National Rural Water Association</p>	<p>Special Government Employee (SGE) Member</p>
Littlewood, Jana	02/28/2021	12/15/2025	<p>Tier 1, Water Interest, National Water Programs Director, Clean Water Action/Clean Water Fund</p>	<p>Special Government Employee (SGE) Member</p>
Peters, Jennifer	02/28/2021	12/15/2023	<p>Tier 1, State/Local Government, Director, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection thru 12/29/23; General Public thereafter</p> <p>Tier 1, State/Local Government, Program Director, Bureau of Drinking Water and Groundwater, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources</p>	<p>Special Government Employee (SGE) Member</p>

Proctor, James	11/25/2018	12/15/2023	Tier 1, General Public, Senior Vice Pres. & Gen. Counsel of McWane, Inc. Birmingham, AL	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Quirk, Nancy	02/28/2021	12/15/2023	Tier 1, State/Local Government, General Manager, Green Bay Water Utility	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Rodriguez, Alejandro (Alex)	02/28/2022	12/15/2024	Tier 1, General Public, President and CEO, DCG Public Affairs, Diversity Consulting Group, LLC, Santa Barbara, CA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Szabo, Jeffrey	02/28/2021	12/15/2025	Tier 1, Water Interest, Chief Executive Officer, Suffolk County Water Authority	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Underwood, Macaroy	11/25/2018	12/15/2023	Tier 1, Water Interest, Principal Consultant, Raftelis Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 15

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 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

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

N/A

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

128

Number of Recommendations Comments

NDWAC provided 13 recommendations (eleven consensus and two with alternative perspectives) in FY 2024 regarding potential revisions to microbial and disinfection byproducts rules.

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

Realistically, we are unable to provide a real number over the 35-year history of the Council. EPA considers all recommendations made and implements them as possible. However, in some cases the Administration may disagree with the Council and/or the regulatory process guides the final action. Additionally, EPA may not be able to respond due to resource constraints.

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

N/A

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

EPA provides a written response to the NDWAC's recommendations.

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

N/A

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

Access Comments

N/A