

2015 Current Fiscal Year Report: Ocean Energy Safety Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2015

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Ocean Energy Safety Advisory Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

76815

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year? **5. Current Charter** **6. Expected Renewal Date** **7. Expected Term Date**

No 02/06/2013

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year? **8b. Specific Termination Authority** **8c. Actual Term Date**

Yes 5 U.S.C. App. 2, as Amended 02/06/2015

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year **10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?** **10b. Legislation Pending?**

Terminate No Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority **13. Effective Date** **14. Committee Type** **14c. Presidential?**

AGENCY 02/08/2011 Continuing 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 Next	
	FY	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 Ocean Energy Safety Advisory Committee (OESC) provides recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) Director, on matters and actions relating to offshore energy safety, including, but not limited to, drilling and workplace safety, well intervention and containment, and oil spill response. The charter as currently written also allows for the Committee to facilitate collaborative research and development, training and execution in these and other areas relating to offshore energy safety.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Committee membership consists of a chairman and approximately 14 members representing the interests of the Federal Government, the offshore energy industry, the academic community, and non-governmental organizations. The chair is appointed based on expertise in the field of offshore energy safety and designated as special government employee.

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

The current charter states that the OESC will meet approximately five times annually, and at such times as designated by the DFO. Subcommittees will meet as necessary to accomplish their assignments, subject to the approval of the DFO, BSEE, and the availability of resources.

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

The OESC was chartered on February 8, 2011, to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BSEE Director, on a variety of issues related to offshore energy safety. Coordination with stakeholders is essential to the work of BSEE. Since its inception, BSEE has been committed to working with its constituencies. The expertise and counsel of the OESC will provide top level decisionmakers with information and recommendations to support informed decisions impacting offshore regulatory programs, policies, and operations, including short and long range plans that can be broad in scope, sensitive in nature and highly technically. Objectives may conflict due to changes in legislative or regulatory guidelines. There are no other existing committees

that serve this function. While the issues the OESC addresses are long-term, complex topics, they are also focused and mission driven.

Furthermore, other means of receiving public input, such as public hearings do not provide the thoughtful, consensus-based input that is sought from this Committee.

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

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

The Committee has fulfilled its duties as stated in the Charter and will not be renewed.

Designated Federal Officer

Joseph R. Levine Chief, Emerging Technologies Branch, BSEE Offshore Regulatory Programs & Senior Engineer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Cruickshank, Walter	03/11/2011	04/18/2015	Chairman, Ocean Energy Safety Advisory Committee & Deputy Director, BOEM	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Epstein, Lois	03/11/2011	04/18/2015	Arctic Program Director, The Wilderness Society	Representative Member
Gebara, Joseph	03/11/2011	04/18/2015	General Manager Offshore, Bechtel Oil, Gas and Chemicals, Inc.	Representative Member
Hickman, Stephen	03/11/2011	04/18/2015	Senior Research Scientist, USGS	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Jacobsen, Donald	03/11/2011	04/18/2015	Vice President Wells, Arctic & Industry/Regulatory Affairs, Shell International E&P	Representative Member

Landry, Mary	08/29/2012	04/18/2015	Director of Incident Management and Preparedness, USCG	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Leveson, Nancy	03/11/2011	04/18/2015	Professor, Aeronautics and Astronautics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Representative Member
Patzek, Tadeusz	03/11/2011	04/18/2015	Professor and Chair, Department of Petroleum, and Geosystems Engineering, The University of Texas at Austin	Representative Member
Sears, Richard	03/11/2011	04/18/2015	Consulting Professor, Department of Engineering, Stanford University	Representative Member
Siegele, Paul	03/11/2011	04/18/2015	President, Energy Technology Company, Chevron	Representative Member
Smith, Christopher	03/11/2011	04/18/2015	Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy, DOE	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Stanislaus, Mathy	03/11/2011	04/18/2015	Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, EPA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Westerholm, David	03/11/2011	04/18/2015	Director, Office of Response & Restoration, National Ocean Service, NOAA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Williams, Charles	03/11/2011	04/18/2015	Executive Director, Center for Offshore Safety	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 14

Narrative Description

The Committee has fulfilled its duties as stated in the Charter and will not be renewed. The Ocean Energy Safety Advisory Committee (OESC) provides advice to the Secretary of the Interior through, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) Director,

on all matters related to offshore energy management. The full OESC will meet as needed in an open public forum to assist the Department with BSEE's mission and long-term strategy to address the various challenges and inherent risks associated with offshore drilling, in particular deepwater drilling.

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 checked="" 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

Not Applicable

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

It is too early to tell what, if any, the costs savings will be to the agency as a result of the

activities of the OESC.

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

56

Number of Recommendations Comments

At the April 2011 meeting, the OESC recommended that DOI establish four subcommittees to assist the full Committee in addressing oil spill prevention, oil spill containment, oil spill response and safety management systems. At the April 2012 meeting, the OESC made five recommendations that addressed safety management system enhancements; safety culture; leadership and communication training; organizational and systems readiness for containment response; and assessment and development of research priorities for containment of a non-capable blowout. They were formally submitted to the BSEE Director for consideration and appropriate action on May 17, 2012. Actual recommendations and Agency response can be viewed in the meetings section and on the OESC's website. At the August 2012 meeting, the OESC recommended that two new subcommittees be established to evaluate arctic issues and a proposed ocean energy safety institute. The two subcommittees were established by DFO Levine during the meeting proceedings. Twenty-five additional recommendations that addressed spill containment, spill prevention, spill response, and safety management systems were approved by the OESC at the August meeting and were formally submitted to the BSEE Director for consideration and appropriate action on October 15, 2012. Actual recommendations and Agency response can be viewed in the meetings section and on the OESC's website. At the January 2013 meeting, twenty recommendations that addressed spill prevention, safety management systems, spill containment, a proposed ocean energy safety institute, and the Arctic were approved by the OESC and formally transmitted to BSEE Director for consideration and appropriate action on January 25, 2013. Actual recommendations and Agency response can be viewed in the meetings section and on the OESC's website.

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

75%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

All four subcommittees have been established and have held meetings both in-person and via teleconference. They provided their plan of action, status reports, white papers and interim recommendations for the full Committee's consideration at the July 2011,

November 2011, April 2012, August 2012 and January 2013 meetings, respectively. BSEE Director Watson responded to the five recommendations transmitted to the Agency on behalf of the OESC by Chairman Hunter on May 17, 2012. The two new subcommittees on arctic issues and a proposed ocean energy safety institute were established by DFO Levine on August 30, 2012. Members have been identified and meetings have been held. The new subcommittees provided updates and interim recommendations for the full Committee's consideration at the January 2013 meeting. BSEE Director Watson responded to the twenty-five August 2012 recommendations transmitted to the Agency on behalf of the OESC by Chairman Hunter on October 15, 2012. Response is available on the OESC's website. BSEE Director Watson responded to the twenty January 2013 recommendations transmitted to the Agency on behalf of the OESC by Chairman Hunter on August 14, 2013. Response is available on the OESC's website.

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

From inception (fiscal year 2011) to date, the OESC has been addressed by the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, former Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement Director, and BSEE Director during open public proceedings. BSEE Director Watson responded in writing to the OESC's April 2012 recommendations formally submitted on May 17, 2012 and as appropriate at the August 2012 public meeting. He responded to the recommendations approved at the August 2012 meeting, on January 4, 2013, and as appropriate at the January 2013 public meeting. He responded to the recommendations approved at the January 2013 meeting, on August 14, 2013. Responses are also available on the OESC's website.

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

N/A

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

N/A