2011 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Energy	2011

3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling	73634

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	06/15/2010		03/11/2011

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
Yes	EO 13543	03/11/2011

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Terminate	No	

11. Establishment Authority Presidential

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Commitee Type	14c. Presidential?
EO 13543	05/21/2010	Ad hoc	Yes

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports 1

16b. Report Date	Report Title
01/29/2011	Deepwater - The Gulf Oil Diaster and the Future of Offshore Drilling

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

17a. Open	17b. Closed	17c. Partially Closed	Other Activities	17d. Total
3	0	0	0	3

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
To discuss relevant facts and circumstances concerning the root causes of the Deepwater Horizon explosion, fire, and oil spill, and options to guard against, and mitigate the impact of, any oil spills associated with offshore drilling in the future.	10/13/2010	10/13/2010
Inform the Commission about the progress of the Chief Counsel's investigation into the Macondo well blowout. The Commission will hear a presentation from the Chief Counsel and statements from industry and academic experts. The Commission will also have the opportunity to hear from representatives of companies involved in the events leading to the blowout.	11/08/2010	11/09/2010
To discuss relevant facts and circumstances concerning the root causes of the Deepwater Horizon explosion, fire, and oil spill, and options to guard against, and mitigate the impact of, any oil spills associated with offshore drilling in the future.	12/02/2010	12/03/2010

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 3

	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	$2,709,049.00	$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	$1,575,409.00	$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	$34,275.00	$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	$121,425.00	$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.)	$742,293.00	$0.00
18d. Total	$5,182,451.00	$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	21.83	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee will be examining the relevant facts and circumstances concerning the root causes of the Deepwater Horizon explosion and developing options to guard against, and mitigate the impact of, any oil spills associated with offshore drilling in the future. This may include recommending improvements to federal laws, regulations, and industry practices.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The committe members have expertise in enviromental issues, engineering, and offshore energy development. In addition, several were involved in dealing with aspects of the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Members have experience in the Executive and Legislative branches of the Federal governemnt as well as business, non-profit organizations and academia.

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

The Committee is required to meet not less than once a month. The meetings will be a major source of information about the impact of the oil spill and potential ways to mitigate the impact of future offshore drilling.

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

The Committee is required by Presidential Order, EO-13543. The Committee recommendations are considered important to the nation's ability to produce offshore oil and natural gas safely with minimal environmental impact.

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

N/A

21. Remarks

This Commission terminated due to their Executive Order and they completed their report.

Designated Federal Officer

Christopher Smith Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oil and Natural Gas

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Beinecke, Frances	07/12/2010	03/12/2011	Natural Resources Defense Council	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Boesch, Donald	07/12/2010	03/12/2011	University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Garcia, Terry	07/12/2010	03/12/2011	National Geographic Society	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Graham, Bob	07/12/2010	03/12/2011	Former US Senator and former Governor of Florida	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Murray, Cherry	07/12/2010	03/12/2011	Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Reilly, William	07/12/2010	03/12/2011	Aqua International Partners, LP	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ulmer, Frances	07/12/2010	03/12/2011	University of Alaska Anchorage	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 7

Narrative Description

The committee supports the Office of the President of the United States mission to advance the national, economic, and energy security of the United States by assessing how domestic offshore oil and natural gas drilling can be made safer and less environmentally impacting, while providing needed energy for the US.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	✓
Trust in government	✓
Major policy changes	✓
Advance in scientific research	✓
Effective grant making	
Improved service delivery	
Increased customer satisfaction	
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	
Under $100,000	
$100,000 - $500,000	
$500,001 - $1,000,000	
$1,000,001 - $5,000,000	
$5,000,001 - $10,000,000	

Over $10,000,000 ☐
Cost Savings Other ☐

Cost Savings Comments
The Committee is expected to make recommendations regarding improved processes and regulations for offshore oil and natural gas drilling. These are not expected to result in any cost savings.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?
34

Number of Recommendations Comments
The commission developed 34 recommendations covering various topics related to offshore oil and gas exploration and production activities on Federal lands. Federal agencies named in these recommendations are: U.S. Department of the Interior - Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, U.S. Department of the Interior - Bureau of Ocean Energy Management,U.S. Department of Homeland Security – U.S. Coast Guard., U.S. Department of Commerce – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, White House Center for Environmental Quality, U.S. Department of Energy, Trustees for Natural Resources, U.S. Department of Justice – Office of Dispute Resolution, U.S. Department of the Interior – Office of Inspector General, U.S. Geological Survey, National Academy of Sciences,National Academy of Engineering, National Science Foundation, White House National Ocean Council

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

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

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

Yes ☐ No ☑ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The committee terminated shortly after submitting its report with recommendations to the President.

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

A number of Federal agencies were named in the Commission's recommendations

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

No

Grant Review Comments

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

no comment