

2006 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on Special Studies Relating to the Possible Long-Term Health Effects of Phenoxy Herbicides and Contaminants

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Department of Health and Human Services		2006	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
Advisory Committee on Special Studies Relating to the Possible Long-Term Health Effects of Phenoxy Herbicides and Contaminants		772	
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	12/02/2005	12/02/2007	12/02/2007
8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority		8c. Actual Term Date
Yes			09/30/2006
9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?		10b. Legislation Pending?
Terminate	No		Enacted
11. Establishment Authority Authorized by Law			
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
42 USC 217a; Section 222 of the PHS Act.	11/18/1988	Continuing	No
15. Description of Committee Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board			
16a. Total Number of Reports 1			
16b. Report Date Report Title			
09/30/2006 Annual Report to the Secretary			
Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1			

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

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
The committee met and discussed the following: (1) updates and interactions with the Institute of Medicine's Air Force Health Study Disposition Study Disposition Committee; (2) Air Force Health Study closure preparations; (3) updates from the Air Force on the Air Force Health Study history, program management, and the Comprehensive Study Report; (4) update from the Air Force on the 2002 Air Force Health Study Physical Examination Report; (5) discussion of the Air Force Health Study FY06 activities.	11/18/2005	11/18/2005
The committee met and discussed the following: (1) update on the Institute of Medicine's Air Force Health Study Disposition Study and related closure activities; (2) updates from the Air Force on the Viability Study, Compliance Study, Comprehensive Study, Mortality Update, Technical Reports and External Collaborations.	02/27/2006	02/27/2006
The committee met and discussed the following: (1) Summary of Dioxin 2006 presentations; (2) Summary of Technical Reports and manuscripts; (3) Summary of transition activities.	09/07/2006	09/07/2006

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 3

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$54,238.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$11,461.00	\$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	\$2,898.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$15,580.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$87,677.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.50	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee held three meetings this fiscal year. The dates of those meetings were November 18, 2005, February 27, 2006, and September 7, 2006. At the November 18, 2005 meeting the Committee met and discussed (1) updates and interactions with the Institute of Medicine's Air Force Health Study Disposition Study Committee; (2) Air Force Health Study closure preparations; (3) updates from the Air Force on the Air Force Health Study history, program management, and the Comprehensive Study Report; (4) update from the Air Force on the 2002 Air Force Health Study Physical Examination Report; (5) discussion of Air Force Health Study FY06 activities. On February 27, 2006 the committee met and heard: (1) updates on the Institute of Medicine's Air Force Health Study Disposition Study and related closure activities; (2) updates from the Air Force on the Viability Study, Compliance Study, Comprehensive Study, Mortality Update, Technical Reports and External Collaborations. On September 7, 2006, the committee met and discussed the following: (1) Summary of Dioxin 2006 presentations; (2) Summary of Technical Reports and manuscripts; (3) Summary of transition activities.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Membership is guided by provisions in Title 12 of P.L. 100-687.

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

Meetings are scheduled by the Chair as needed to allow the Committee to hear presentations by the Air Force, discuss technical information/data reported, and provide feedback to the Air Force on the health study chapters of the interpreted data. The committee provides comments and recommendations on the information reported by the Air Force.

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

The Air Force was directed to conduct the Ranch Hand Study, and oversight of the study was to be conducted by a scientific panel augmented by private sector scientists (including those suggested by veterans' organizations) to oversee the study and provide technical assistance as needed. This committee provides the required independent oversight and the support of the Committee assigned to DHHS.

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

No closed meetings were held during this reporting period.

21. Remarks

The health study was completed by September 30, 2006 and was officially terminated on that date.

Designated Federal Officer

Leonard M. Schechtman Deputy Director,
Washington Operations, NCTR

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Camacho, Paul	01/21/2004	01/31/2006	Director Special Projects, William Joiner Center, University of Massachusetts	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hassoun, Ezdihar	01/21/2004	01/31/2007	Univ. of Toledo, College of Pharmacy	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Johnson, David	01/21/2004	01/31/2007	Executive Medical Director, Division of Environmental Health, Florida Dept. of Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Leffingwell, Sanford	07/08/2003	01/31/2007	Occupational and Environmental Consultants, HLM	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Osei, Kwame	01/21/2004	01/31/2006	Director, Division of Endocrine, Diabetes and Medicine, Ohio State University, College of Education	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sills, Robert	01/21/2004	01/31/2006	NIH, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, National Toxicology Program	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Stoto, Michael	01/21/2004	01/31/2007	Senior Statistical Scientist, RAND	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 7

Narrative Description

N/A. This is not an FDA committee; it is a Department of Health and Human Services Committee.

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 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

N/A. This Committee reviews data provided from the results of physical examinations performed over a 25 year period (one physical per participant is done every five years) on the Ranch Hand study participants.

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

The utilization of the Advisory Committee on Special Studies Relating to the Possible Long-Term Health Effects of Phenoxy Herbicides and Contaminants enabled the Agency to obtain required and frequently scarce professional services from medical and scientific experts not otherwise available to the Agency; and to obtain the services of these experts only on an as needed basis rather than on a full time basis. The service of the Committee resulted in advice for the improvement of the public health, for which it is difficult to assign a financial value.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee

for the life of the committee?

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

N/A.

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

NA

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

NA

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

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

Agency Feedback Comments

NA

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

NA

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