

2004 Current Fiscal Year Report: Board of Scientific Counselors, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Health and Human Services	2004
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Board of Scientific Counselors, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry	222

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	07/28/2003		07/28/2004

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
Yes	42 U.S.C. 217A	04/30/2004

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

11. Establishment Authority Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
42 U.S.C. 217A	11/17/1962	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports No Reports for this Fiscal Year

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

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
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The BSC met to discuss the consolidation of the two separate committees to get an update on the consolidation of NCEH/ATSDR Office of the Directors, and other environmental health issues. 12/01/2003 - 12/02/2003

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$78,745.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$8,750.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$12,615.00	\$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	\$20,117.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$9,724.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$133,951.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	1.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The purpose of the Board of Scientific Counselors is to determine the extent of danger to the public's health from a release or threat of release of hazardous substances at Superfund or RCRA sites by conducting health assessments and to conduct directly or by grants or contracts, research, experiments, and demonstrations

relating to the prevention of human health effects from exposure to toxic substances. The Board supports the Agency's mission and its strategic plans by overseeing the quality of science, programs and priorities that address community exposures to hazardous substances released into the environment. The Board provides a direct avenue through which communities and tribes affected by hazardous waste sites and toxic releases can provide input into agency activities at the sites. The Board also provides an ongoing forum for state and local health department representation and input to ATSDR science, research and programs. The Board recently put into place a workgroup that peer review the ATSDR National Exposure Registry Program. The Board monitors ATSDR environmental public health programs to assess quality, purpose, science, accomplishments and direction.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Balance of the Board represents the sciences with emphasis on environmental and public health. Points of view represent public, private, and academic concerns. In addition, ATSDR works closely with CDC's Committee Management Office to ensure balance with regard to minorities, race, gender, and geographic representation.

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

In Fiscal Year 2004, the Board met one time as the ATSDR BSC before being terminated. The Board provided advice on the direction, quality and scope of ATSDR's science, research and programs. The Board provided advice and guidance on ATSDR programs to ensure scientific quality, timeliness, utility, and dissemination of

results. The Board also provided guidance to help ATSDR work more effectively with its various constituents and to fulfill the agency's mission in protecting America's health from toxic exposures. Thus, the Board played an extremely important role in assisting the Agency focus on essential programs and enhancing the science of the Agency.

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

ATSDR-mandated responsibilities require review and input from diverse scientific disciplines. This board brings together outstanding experts from several fields, including engineering, environmental chemistry, environmental health, epidemiology, hydrology, industrial hygiene, medicine, pharmacology, and toxicology. This capability, centralized in one Board, does not exist elsewhere in the Department of Health and Human Services.

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

All Board meetings were open to the public.

21. Remarks

ATSDR Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC) terminated on 5/27/2004 to come into alignment with the consolidation of the NCEH/ATSDR's OD. A single BSC, NCEH/ATSDR was established combining the previous NCEH Advisory Committee to the Director and the ATSDR Board of Scientific Counselors on 5/28/2004.

Designated Federal Officer

Robert F. Spengler Associate Administrator for Science

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
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Au, William	03/01/1999	11/30/2002	University of Texas Medical Branch	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bowler, Rosemarie	11/22/2000	11/30/2004	San Francisco State University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Collins, James	02/23/2000	11/30/2003	Dow Chemical Company	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Collins, Millicent	03/10/1998	11/30/2001	Howard University Hospital	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Derouin, James	10/06/2003	07/28/2004	Steptoe & Johnson, LLP	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Fernandez, Miguel	10/13/2003	07/27/2004	Univ of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Harris, Cynthia	10/03/2003	07/27/2004	Florida A&M University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mangione, Ellen	03/13/2000	11/30/2003	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
McDiarmid, Melissa	12/01/2000	11/30/2004	University of Maryland School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Melius, James	03/09/1999	11/30/2002	New York State Laborers' Health and Safety Trust Fund	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Newton, Sheila			Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, NIEHS	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Nriagu, Jerome	10/07/2003	07/27/2004	University of Michigan, Dept of Environmental Health Sciences	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Roseman, Jeffrey	03/06/1998	11/30/2001	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sinks, Thomas			National Center for Environmental Health, CDC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sorber, Charles	03/03/1999	11/30/2002	The University of Texas at Arlington	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Southerland, Elizabeth			Office of Emergency and Remedial Response, US Environmental Protection Agency	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wartenberg, Daniel	10/08/2003	07/27/2004	Environmental and Occupational Health Science Institute	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
White, LuAnn	03/04/1998	11/30/2001	Tulane University CAEPH	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Windham, Gayle	10/07/2003	07/27/2004	California Department of Health Services	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 19

Narrative Description

The Board was terminated during this fiscal year.

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

NA

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

NA

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

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

NA

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

NA

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

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Online Agency Web Site

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Online Committee Web Site

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Online GSA FACA Web Site

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Publications

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Other

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Access Comments

NA