

## 2003 Current Fiscal Year Report: Worker Advocacy Advisory Committee

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Energy

### 2. Fiscal Year

2003

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Worker Advocacy Advisory  
Committee

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

9554

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	01/02/2001	01/02/2003	01/02/2003

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
Yes	Agency Authority	01/02/2003

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

11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
Agency Memorandum	09/26/2000	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory  
Board

16a. Total  
Number of  
Reports No Reports for  
this FiscalYear

17a. 1 17b. Closed0 17c. Partially Closed0 Other Activities0 17d. Total 1  
Open

### Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Program Status Update	10/21/2002	- 10/21/2002

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

Current FY	Next FY
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<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$15,729.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$12,000.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$27,729.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.50	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Worker Advocacy Advisory Committee (WAAC) accomplishes its purpose in accordance with the guidelines in the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the General Services Administration's regulation on the operation of Federal Advisory Committees, and on DOE M 510.1-1, the Advisory Committee Management Program. The WAAC holds public meetings and follows an agenda focused on its charter, the operation of the Office of Worker Advocacy (OWA). The Committee regularly receives testimony in the form of status reports from the Director of the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Worker Advocacy, as well as from representatives from the Departments of Labor;

Health & Human Services; and Justice, all of whom administer various provisions of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (EEOICPA). Each Committee meeting includes a Public Comment period, during which members of the public express their views on the implementation of the EEOICPA. In the course of its meetings, the Committee has provided advice and guidance to DOE on the operation of its EEOICPA program and has made a number of specific recommendations through letters to the Secretary of Energy and to the Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health. The recommendations in these letters have been the subject of much discussion during Committee meetings over the past year, and OWA has implemented many of those recommendations.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Worker Advocacy Advisory Committee membership is balanced in accordance with statutory and regulatory criteria, including consideration of geographic regions of the country, minority groups, and public and private institutions, as well as the public at large. The committee members represent State workers' compensation agencies, labor unions, workers, communities, and medical and law professionals.

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

The Worker Advocacy Advisory Committee met once during FY 2003 (on October 21, 2002, in Washington, DC). The Committee meetings have been very relevant to the Committee's charter and the operation of the Office of Worker Advocacy.

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

At the time the WAAC was chartered, the Office of Worker Advocacy (OWA) was a newly established entity within the Department of Energy (DOE).

There was no other office like it at DOE, and while the staff members of OWA understood the issues associated with this program, most of them did not have experience in running a complex compensation benefits program. DOE was required by statute to have the program up and running within less than nine months from the date the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Act was signed. The Worker Advocacy Advisory Committee members bring to the Department a wealth of knowledge about State workers' compensation law and programs, as well as the various occupational illnesses that are the focus of this program. Their advice and assistance have been invaluable in the establishment of this important program. OWA has determined that, with the physician panels now in operation, our needs for advice are changing, and that we can obtain additional advice and information from other sources. We are working with the American College of Environmental and Occupational Medicine and other professional organizations, to determine the best ways to manage our physician panels and facilitate the disposition of requests for assistance in filing for State Workers' Compensation benefits.

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

None of the Worker Advocacy Advisory Committee meetings have been closed.

**21. Remarks**

## Designated Federal Officer

Judith M. Keating Executive Administrator

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Blea, Ricky	01/04/2001	01/04/2004	United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry	Special Government Employee (SGE)
				Member
				Special Government Employee (SGE)
Boden, Leslie	01/04/2001	01/04/2003	Boston University	Member
				Special Government Employee (SGE)
				Member
Burton, John	01/04/2001	01/04/2003	Rutgers University	Special Government Employee (SGE)
				Member
				Special Government Employee (SGE)
Cisco, Jeanne	01/19/2001	01/19/2004	Portsmouth Uranium Enrichment Plant	Member
				Special Government Employee (SGE)
				Member
Elisburg, Donald	01/19/2001	01/19/2004	Attorney	Special Government Employee (SGE)
				Member
				Special Government Employee (SGE)
Ellenberger, James	01/04/2001	01/04/2004	Virginia Employment Commission	Member
				Special Government Employee (SGE)
				Member
Hatfield, Vikki	01/04/2001	01/04/2003	Community Representative	Special Government Employee (SGE)
				Member
				Special Government Employee (SGE)
Markowitz, Steven	01/04/2001	01/04/2004	Queens College	Member
				Special Government Employee (SGE)
				Member
Martinez, Len	03/28/2001	03/28/2004	Kaiser-Hill, LLC	Special Government Employee (SGE)
				Member
				Special Government Employee (SGE)
Meyers, Bernard	03/28/2001	03/28/2004	Bechtel Corporation	Member
				Special Government Employee (SGE)
				Member

Mueller, Kathryn	01/04/2001	01/04/2003	State of Colorado	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Post, Iris	01/04/2001	01/04/2004	Lawyer	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Shor, Glenn	01/04/2001	01/04/2003	State of California	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Spieler, Emily	01/04/2001	01/04/2004	Northeastern University School of Law	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wagner, Gregory	01/04/2001	01/04/2003	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Welch, Laura	01/04/2001	01/04/2003	The Washington Hospital Center	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 16**

## Narrative Description

NA

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

Checked if  
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input 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  
Other

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**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

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**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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>



Other



**Access Comments**

NA