

2002 Current Fiscal Year Report: Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Transportation

2. Fiscal Year

2002

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee

3b. GSA

Committee No.

687

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

No 10/03/2001 10/03/2003

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

No

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

Continue No

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

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

P.L. 102-241 12/19/1991 Continuing No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 2 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 2

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Regular Meeting to discuss Lower Mississippi River safety issues.	10/16/2001	10/16/2001
Regular Meeting to discuss Lower Mississippi River safety issues.	05/07/2002	05/07/2002

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	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	\$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. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
18e. Total Costs	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

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

The committee is effective in advising the
Commander Eighth Coast Guard District on issues
that affect navigation safety on the Lower
Mississippi River. The committee made
substantive recommendations on the following

issues: 1) Continual development and operational concept for a Vessel Traffic Service for the Lower Mississippi River, 2) Channel dredging and channel width 3) Placement of Soft Dikes at river crossings, 4) Aids to Navigation maintenance, 5) Air draft clearance at bridges, and 6) safety of vessels moored along the river.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The membership is composed of a wide spectrum of waterway users and no one group predominates. Pilot associations, deep-draft vessel operators, academia, towing industry, area port authorities, trade interest and environmentalists are well represented. Each member presents his or her unique experience of the workings of industry and how Government and industry can work together for the betterment of the waterway.

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

The full committee meets twice a year. At this time no subcommittees exist. As the need arises, subcommittees will be established.

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

The advice and information provided by this committee is best obtained from this committee because it is the only forum that encompasses all the constituencies affected by local navigation safety issues. No other forum is readily available to advise the Coast Guard on the full range of perspectives on Lower Mississippi River navigational safety issues.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or

partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

Designated Federal Officer

Ronald W. Branch Commanding Officer, Marine
Safety Office

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Balfour, Sharon	09/05/1997	05/31/2002	State of Louisiana Water Resources Manager	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Baum, Diane	09/05/1997	05/31/2002	Accusess Environmental Consultants	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bourgeois, Brett	09/05/1997	05/31/2002	Steamship Association of Louisiana	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Clayton, Clifford	09/05/1997	05/31/2002	New Orleans/Baton Rouge Pilots Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cocchiara, Joseph	09/05/1997	05/31/2002	Port of New Orleans	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Delatte, Patrice	09/05/1997	05/31/2002	Tidewater Marine, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Douville, Robert	04/26/2000	05/31/2002	Trico Marine Operators, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Felder, Cheryl	09/05/1997	05/31/2002	Tidewater Marine Services	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Forsyth, William	04/26/2000	05/31/2002	Mississippi River Maritime Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Furlotte, Gary	04/26/2000	05/31/2002	SeaRiver Maritime, Inc	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Grubbs, Douglas	09/05/1997	05/31/2002	Crescent River Port Pilots	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Laborde, John	09/05/1997	05/31/2002	Consultant, Tidewater Marine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lafont, Jimmy	09/05/1997	05/31/2002	Callais & Sons Towing	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Levine, John	09/05/1997	05/31/2002	Associated Branch Pilot	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Manthey, Joy	09/05/1997	05/31/2002	Chotin Carriers, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Picciotti, Elyce	09/05/1997	05/31/2002	Elyce Warzeski & Assoc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Savoy, Richard	11/03/1998	05/31/2002	Director of Operations, Port of Greater Baton Rouge	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Scafidel, Robert	04/26/2000	05/31/2002	Port of St. Bernard	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Smith, Oscar	09/05/1997	05/31/2002	Port of South Louisiana	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Steele, Don	09/05/1997	05/31/2002	Associated Federal Pilots	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sutton, John	09/05/1997	05/31/2002	American Inland Mariner	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Treuil, Urban	09/05/1997	05/31/2002	Port of Plaquemines	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wells, Kenneth	09/05/1997	05/31/2002	American Waterways Operators	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wilson, William	09/05/1997	05/31/2002	New Orleans Steamboat Co.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 24

Narrative Description

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	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input 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

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

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

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

%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

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

%

% 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

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

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