



CHARTER

ADVISORY BOARD ON RADIATION AND WORKER HEALTH

Purpose

The President is authorized by 42 U.S.C. § 7384, et seq. to carry out the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (EEOICPA). Since World War II, many men and women have served in building the Nation's nuclear defense and, in the course of this work, have been exposed to beryllium, ionizing radiation, and other hazards unique to nuclear weapons production and testing. The purpose of the compensation program is to provide for timely, uniform, and adequate compensation of covered employees and, where applicable, survivors of such employees, suffering from illnesses incurred by such employees in the performance of duty for the Department of Energy (DOE) and certain of its contractors and subcontractors.

The Secretaries of Energy, Health and Human Services, and Labor share responsibilities for administering the compensation program. 42 U.S.C. § 7384o(a)(1) of EEOICPA authorizes the President to establish and appoint an Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health, and by Executive Order 13179, the President has designated responsibility of the Advisory Board to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Authority

Executive Order 13179, dated December 7, 2000, and EEOICPA, 42 U.S.C. § 7384o(a)(1). The Board is governed by the provisions of Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

Function

The Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health shall (a) advise the Secretary, HHS, on the development of guidelines under section 2(b)(i) of Executive Order 13179; (b) advise the Secretary, HHS, on the scientific validity and quality of dose reconstruction efforts performed for this Program; and (c) upon request by the Secretary, HHS, advise the Secretary on whether there is a class of employees at any DOE facility who were exposed to radiation but for whom it is not feasible to estimate their radiation dose, and on whether there is reasonable likelihood that such radiation doses may have endangered the health of members of the class.

Structure

The Advisory Board shall consist of not more than 20 public members to be appointed by the President. In accordance with EEOICPA, 42 U.S.C. § 7384o(a)(2) and (3), the President shall make appointments to the Board in consultation with organizations with expertise on worker health issues in order to ensure that the membership of the Board reflects a balance of scientific, medical, and worker perspectives. The President shall designate a Chair for the Board from among its members.

Members shall be invited to serve for overlapping terms of up to four years, except that any member appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term shall be appointed for the remainder of that term. Terms of more than two years are contingent upon the renewal of the Board by appropriate action prior to its termination.

Subcommittees may be established from time to time with the approval of the Secretary, HHS, or designee. The Department Committee Management Officer will be notified upon establishment of each subcommittee, and will be provided information on its name, membership, function, and estimated frequency of meetings.

The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide administrative services, funds, facilities, staff, and other necessary support services, and perform the administrative functions of the President under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2), with respect to the Advisory Board.

Meetings

The frequency of meetings shall be determined by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, based on agency needs. The Designated Federal Officer shall determine and approve the agenda for the meetings in consultation with the Chair, and shall be present at all meetings.

Meetings shall be open to the public except as determined otherwise by the Secretary, HHS, or other official to whom the authority has been delegated; notice of all meetings shall be given to the public.

Meetings shall be conducted, and records of the proceedings kept, as required by applicable laws and Departmental regulations.

Compensation

Members who are not full-time Federal employees shall be paid at the rate of \$250 per day, or at the rate of \$31.25 per hour, as determined by the agency, but not to exceed \$250 per day; plus per diem and travel expenses in accordance with Standard Government Travel Regulations.

Annual Cost Estimate

Estimated annual cost for operating the Board, including compensation and travel expenses for members, but excluding staff support, is \$4,388,661. Estimate of annual person-years of staff support required is 3.0, at an estimated annual cost of \$524,564.

Reports

In the event a portion of a meeting is closed to the public, as determined by the Secretary, HHS, in accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)) and Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, a report shall be prepared, which shall contain, at a minimum, a list of members and their business addresses, the board's function, and recommendations made during the fiscal year. A copy of the report shall be provided to the Department Committee Management Officer.

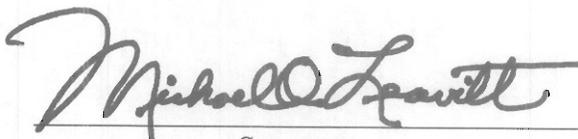
Termination Date

Unless renewed by appropriate action prior to its expiration, the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health will terminate on August 3, 2009.

Approved:

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Date



Secretary