

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
CHARTER
BASIC ENERGY SCIENCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. Committee's Official Designation:

Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

2. Committee's Objectives and Scope of Activities and Duties:

The activities of the Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee include:

- a. Periodic reviews of the diverse elements of the basic energy sciences program including aspects of materials sciences, chemistry, biosciences, geosciences, engineering and underlying competencies such as computational sciences, and recommendations based thereon.
- b. Advice on competing long-range plans, priorities, and strategies to address more effectively the scientific aspects of energy-related basic energy sciences.
- c. Advice on appropriate levels of funding to develop those plans, priorities, and strategies and to help maintain appropriate balance between competing elements of the basic energy sciences program.
- d. Advice on scientific aspects of basic energy sciences issues of concern to the Department of Energy as requested by the Secretary or the Director, Office of Science.

3. Time Period Necessary for the Committee to Carry Out Its Purpose:

In view of the goals and purposes of the Committee, it is expected to be continuing in nature.

4. Official to Whom This Committee Reports:

The Committee will report to the Director, Office of Science.

5. Agency Responsible for Providing Necessary Support for This Committee:

The Department of Energy. Within the Department, primary support shall be furnished by the Office of Science.

6. Description of Duties for Which the Committee is Responsible:

The duties of the Committee are solely advisory and are stated in paragraph 2, above.

7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs in Dollars and Person-Years:

\$225,000; one-half person-year.

8. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings:

The Committee will meet periodically, two to four times a year.

9. Committee's Termination Date (If Less Than Two Years from Date of Establishment or Renewal):

Not Applicable.

10. Subcommittee(s):

To facilitate the functioning of the Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee, subcommittees may be formed. The objectives of the subcommittees are to make recommendations to the parent committee with respect to particular matters related to the responsibilities of the parent committee.

11. Members:

a. Committee members shall be appointed by the Secretary of Energy.

b. Approximate number of Committee members: 23-28

c. Members shall be experts in their respective fields and appointed as special Government employees or representatives of entities including, among others, research facilities and academic institutions, should the Committee's task require such representation.

12. Chairperson:

The Chairperson shall be appointed by the Secretary of Energy.

This Charter for the Advisory Committee named above is hereby approved on:

JUL 31 2007

Date



James N. Solit
Committee Management Officer

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Date Filed