

CHARTER
of the
COASTAL INUNDATION WORKING GROUP
SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISASTER REDUCTION
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND SUSTAINABILITY
NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

A. Official Designation

The Coastal Inundation Working Group (CIWG) is hereby reestablished by action of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Sustainability (CENRS) Subcommittee on Disaster Reduction (SDR).

B. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of the CIWG is to enhance preparation, mitigation, response and recovery efforts related to the potential inundation of the Nation's coastal communities. To reduce losses from coastal inundation, the CIWG will actively coordinate Federal research and investment; serve as an interagency forum to leverage expertise, inform policy-makers; promote technology integration; work to unify Federal messaging across Agencies; and encourage risk-wise behavior. The group is expected to produce near-term, actionable recommendations as well as address such long-term factors as climate change, sea level rise, and wetlands loss.

C. Functions

The functions of the CIWG include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. **Provide Near-term Analysis and Recommendations for delivery to the SDR that will:**
 - Identify gaps in the current Federal effort to reduce vulnerability to coastal inundation, particularly with respect to storm surge; and
 - Develop recommendations for interagency funding and policies needed to implement the *Grand Challenges for Disaster Reduction Implementation Plan: Coastal Inundation*.
2. **Work towards Long-term Goals that will:**
 - Identify the needs of communities based on the likelihood and probability of loss due to a coastal inundation event;
 - Reconcile domestic Federal policies with international agreements and work abroad; and
 - Increase resilience among the Nation's coastal communities.

Through its Co-chairs, the CIWG will recommend action on policy and R&D issues to the SDR for approval.

D. Membership

The following NSTC departments and agencies are represented on the CIWG:

Department of Agriculture;
Department of Commerce;
Department of Defense;
Department of Health and Human Services;
Department of Homeland Security;
Department of the Interior;

Department of State;
Department of Transportation; and
Environmental Protection Agency.

The following organizations in the Executive Office of the President shall also be represented on the CIWG:

Council on Environmental Quality;
Office of Science and Technology Policy; and
U.S. Global Change Research Program.

The following interagency organizations of the NSTC shall also be represented on the CIWG:
Infrastructure Subcommittee of the Committee on Homeland and National Security; and
Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology of the Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Sustainability.

Cooperating departments and agencies shall include such other Executive branch organizations, departments, and agencies as the CIWG Co-chairs may, from time to time, designate.

E. Leadership and Reporting

The SDR Co-chairs shall appoint the Co-chairs of the CIWG. The CIWG Co-chairs, or their designee, shall report on activities of the working group at meetings of the SDR on a quarterly basis or as requested by the SDR Co-chairs.

F. Private-Sector Interface

The CIWG may work with the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology to secure appropriate private-sector advice, and will recommend to the SDR and/or the Office of Science and Technology Policy Liaison to the SDR the nature of additional private-sector advice needed to accomplish its mission. The CIWG may also interact with and receive *ad hoc* advice from various private-sector groups as consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

G. Termination Date

Unless renewed by the Co-chairs of the SDR prior to its expiration, the CIWG shall terminate no later than December 31, 2014.

H. Determination

I hereby determine that the establishment of the Coastal Inundation Working Group is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Executive Branch by law, and that such duties can best be performed through the advice and counsel of such a group.