

# CHARTER INTERAGENCY STEERING COMMITTEE ON RADIATION STANDARDS (ISCORS)

## Purpose of Committee

The purpose of this committee is to foster early resolution and coordination of regulatory issues associated with radiation standards and guidelines.

## Membership

1. Agencies represented on the committee include the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Department of Transportation, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and any successor agencies.
2. The Office of Science and Technology Policy, the Office of Management and Budget will be invited observers at meetings because of their science policy and regulatory policy responsibilities. Representatives from selected state radiation control organizations and the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board will be invited observers because of their expertise in regulatory implementation and oversight.
3. The Committee will be co-chaired by representatives from two agencies (e.g. EPA and NRC) and co-chairing agencies will be reviewed at two year intervals and will be selected by consensus if membership decides it is appropriate to change co-chairs.
4. Other departments and agencies will be invited to participate in forming consensus for specific issues as voting members when their interests and responsibilities are involved.

## Objectives

The objectives of the Committee include the following:

1. Facilitate a consensus on allowable levels of radiation risk or dose to the public and workers
2. Promote consistent and scientifically sound risk/dose assessment and risk management approaches in setting and implementing standards for occupational, public and environmental protection from ionizing radiation.
3. Promote completeness and coherence of Federal standards for radiation protection.
4. Identify interagency radiation protection issues and coordinate their resolution.

## Implementation

The committee will conduct its activities in accordance with the attached understandings and procedures.

Attachment

**UNDERSTANDINGS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE INTERAGENCY STEERING COMMITTEE  
ON RADIATION STANDARDS**

Participation

1. Various offices and organizations within each agency may participate in the committee meetings. Each agency will develop a unified position and present that position at committee meetings. Each agency representative is responsible for developing their coordinated agency position in preparation for reaching committee consensus.
2. Agencies will be represented at the meetings by senior level, career government employees, who are engaged in policy matters for the agency.
3. Official agency representatives will be identified in writing to the co-chairpersons by the Assistant Administrator, Assistant Secretary, Commissioner, or other appropriate senior agency official.
4. Committee meetings involve pre-decisional intragovernmental discussions and, as such, are not open for observation by members of the public or media. However, the committee, at the discretion of the members may periodically engage in public meetings to provide for information exchange with stakeholders.
5. The committee may, from time to time, revise the charter based on the consensus views of the committee, including such items as membership, responsibility for chairing the committee, and objectives. Procedural and administrative changes including memberships or clarifications may be appropriate through consensus of the membership and documented by addendum to the charter. Changes deemed significant such as expansion of scope must be approved by agency senior officials.

Decisions

1. The committee has not been delegated any authorities established by law, regulation, Executive Order, or other administrative mechanism to act in lieu of formal agency action. The objectives of the committee are described in the committee charter.
2. The committee will make every effort to base decisions on consensus. Consensus reflects acceptance among the voting agencies.
3. Each agency will have a single vote in reaching consensus on specific issues. If a consensus cannot be reached, committee recommendations will reflect the lack thereof and include the opportunity for agencies to attach minority views to any documentation of the recommendations of the committee majority.
4. Recommendations on specific issues will be provided to the appropriate senior officials of member agencies, OMB, and OSTP. In some cases, recommendations may include options for resolution of issues, and pathways for escalating engagement to the appropriate senior officials to reach a final resolution.

5. **Application and use of analyses, guidance, recommendations and other ISCORS products are at the discretion of the agencies consistent with their authorities and responsibilities.**

#### Support

1. **The Committee may conduct analyses and evaluations of issues that further accomplishment of its objectives. The Committee will agree on scope, and schedules for such evaluations.**
2. **Resources necessary to complete Committee and subcommittee activities will be provided by member agencies consistent with individual agency priorities, authorities and available resources as determined by the participating agency or agencies.**

#### Products

1. **The Committee will facilitate ongoing information exchange and awareness of agency activities through participation in meetings.**
2. **The Committee may document its work through technical reports, white papers, technical position papers, or recommendations to agencies.**
3. **The Committee, or its subcommittees, may produce results in specific formats to support use or publication by a member agency in the exercise of their authorities.**

#### Meetings

1. **Responsibility for hosting the meetings will rotate among the agencies. The host agency is responsible for coordinating with the Committee for a mutually agreeable meeting date and time, informing the agencies approximately two months in advance of the meeting date, arranging for the meeting facility and member access. Co-chair agency representatives are responsible for, within two weeks of the meeting, distributing a draft agenda for the meeting.**
2. **Final summary meeting notes will be prepared and distributed by a co-chair agency to designated representatives of each of the member agencies, observer organizations and, as appropriate, Congressional contacts and other groups.**
  1. **The designated co-chair agency will distribute draft meeting notes within two to four weeks of the committee meeting to committee members for review and will consolidate member comments into the final summary meeting notes.**
  2. **Final meeting notes will be distributed to members and observers at least two weeks before the next committee meeting. NRC will place a copy of the summary meeting notes in the Public Document Room and the final notes will be posted on the ISCORS website.**
  3. **To the extent possible final summary notes will be prepared so that they may be made publicly available. If the notes contain pre-decisional information that should not be made available to the public, only appropriate abbreviated notes will be made available on the Web and in the**

**public record and the official summary notes shall be marked “for official use only:”, or “Sensitive Unclassified Non Safeguards Information”.**

3. **The committee will establish a plan for approximately a six-month to a year period. Specific agendas will be developed for each meeting based on the general plan.**
4. **The committee will meet approximately once each calendar quarter, with more frequent meetings, as needed to address specific issues.**

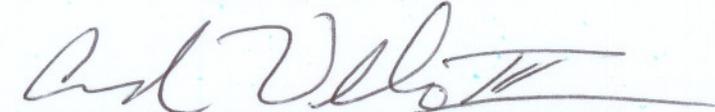
#### **Subcommittees**

1. **The committee may create subcommittees to focus on specific issues or activities (e.g., recycling criteria, risk harmonization, cleanup standards). Subcommittees will follow the same understandings and procedures as the full committee.**
2. **Subcommittees will meet at a frequency and location as determined necessary by the subcommittee.**
3. **Subcommittee members and chairs will be Federal employees, and State representatives, as appropriate, approved by ISCORS membership.**
4. **As necessary to complete assessments, subcommittees may seek data or input from or coordinate with non-governmental organizations and agencies may utilize contractor services for collection of data as technical analyses supporting the subcommittees work but development of recommendations, guidelines or conclusions of analyses to support the recommendations or guidelines must be developed and prepared by agency government representatives.**

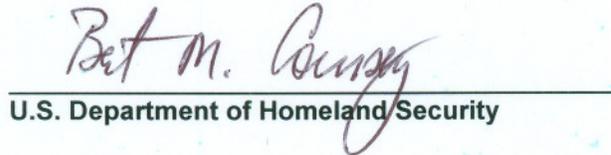
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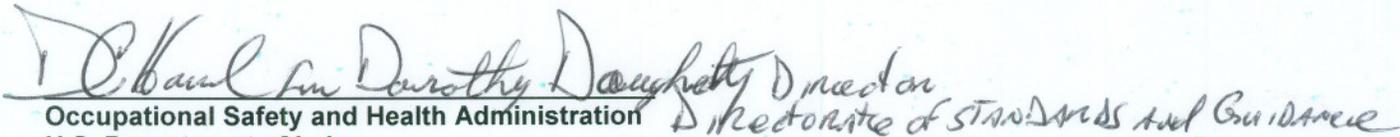
  
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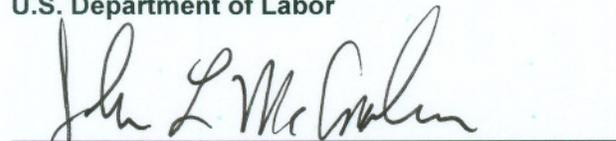
  
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Directorate of STANDARDS and GUIDANCE

  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services