# DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND
# NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
# NUCLEAR SCIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Advisory Committee Charter

1. **Committee's Official Designation.** DOE/NSF Nuclear Science Advisory Committee (NSAC).

2. **Authority.** This charter establishes the DOE/NSF Nuclear Science Advisory Committee under the authority of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The Committee is being renewed in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

3. **Objectives and Scope of Activities.** The Committee will provide advice and recommendations to the Director, Office of Science (DOE), and the Assistant Director, Mathematical & Physical Sciences Directorate (NSF), on determining the scientific priorities within the field of basic nuclear science research among the possible opportunities. Basic nuclear research is understood to encompass a variety of subfields of experimental and theoretical investigations involving the fundamental interactions, properties, and structures of atomic nuclei.

   DOE/NSF Nuclear Science Advisory Committee activities will include assessment of and recommendations concerning:

   - Objectives, directions and development, and future frontiers of basic nuclear science research;
   - adequacy of present facilities, and the need and relative priority for new facilities;
   - facility and instrument development programs needed to advance basic nuclear science research;
   - institutional balance of support for optimized scientific productivity and training of nuclear scientists;
   - relationships of basic nuclear science with other fields of science; and
   - validation of performance measures and criteria for the Department of Energy nuclear physics program.

4. **Description of Duties.** The duties of the Committee are solely advisory in nature.

5. **Official(s) to Whom the Committee Reports.** The Committee will report to the Director, Office of Science (DOE) and the Assistant Director, Mathematical & Physical Sciences Directorate (NSF).

6. **Agency Responsible for Providing the Necessary Support.** The Department of Energy will be responsible for financial and administrative support. Within the Department, primary support shall be furnished by the Office of Science.

7. **Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years.** The estimated annual operating costs associated with supporting the Committee are approximately $230,000 including one-half person–year.

8. **Designated Federal Officer (DFO).** A full-time or permanent part-time DOE employee, appointed in accordance with agency procedures, will serve as the DFO (or designee). The DFO (or designee) will approve or call all of the advisory committee's and subcommittee's meetings, and prepare and approve all meeting agendas, attend all committee and subcommittee meetings, and adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest.

9. **Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings.** The Committee meets approximately three times a year, as necessary.

10. **Duration.** Continuing in nature.

11. **Termination.** The Committee terminates two years from the Charter filing date and may not meet if the Charter is not renewed biennially.

12. **Membership and Designation.** The Committee will be comprised of approximately 20 members. Committee members shall be appointed by the DOE Under Secretary for Science and the Director of the National Science Foundation. 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.

    Members of the Committee serve without compensation. However, each appointed non-Federal member may be reimbursed for authorized per diem and travel expenses incurred while attending Committee meetings, in accordance with the Federal Travel Regulations.

13. **Subcommittees.** DOE and NSF have the authority to form subcommittees. The objectives of the subcommittee's are to make recommendations to the parent committee with respect to particular matters which are related to the responsibilities of the parent committee. Ad hoc members from outside the Nuclear Science Advisory Committee may be appointed, with DOE and NSF approval, to ensure that the knowledge necessary to conduct the various studies will be achieved.

    Such subcommittees or workgroups may not work independently of the chartered committee and must report their recommendations and advise to the full committee for full deliberation and discussion.

14. **Recordkeeping.** The records of the Committee shall be handled in accordance with the General Records Schedule 26, Item 2 and DOE Administrative Records Schedule 16, Item 8b (1.1) and approved agency records disposition schedule. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

15. **Filing Date.**

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