



CHARTER
of the
SUBCOMMITTEE ON TOXICS AND RISK
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND SUSTAINABILITY
NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

A. Official Designation

The Subcommittee on Toxics and Risk (T&R) is hereby reestablished by the action of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Sustainability (CENRS).

B. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of the T&R is to coordinate Federal science and technology efforts, including their inter-relationships and prioritization, with regard to the identification, prevention, and mitigation of problems arising from exposures of humans and non-human species to potentially toxic chemicals¹, via occurrences in all environmental media, e.g., air, water, land, and food. In addition, the T&R will advise, assist, and respond to inquiries from the CENRS and the NSTC on Federal policies, procedures, and plans that use basic and applied research and development (R&D) to protect human health and safeguard the environment from toxic chemicals.

C. Functions

The functions of the T&R will be to:

1. Foster the development of a core cadre of experts from across the Federal Government to address cross-cutting issues pertaining to toxics and risk.
2. Facilitate efforts across Federal agencies to improve coordination and collaboration of R&D agendas, and the sharing of knowledge, on toxics and risk.
3. Communicate research needs in toxics and risk across Federal agencies to help identify cross-cutting national R&D priorities.
4. Promote availability of R&D data to inform and allow for sound decision making with regard to risks associated with toxic chemicals.
5. Support informed Federal policy development by providing technical and expert advice related to toxics and risk.

¹ For the purposes of this document, “chemical or chemicals” is intended to be used in the broadest sense to describe a variety of types of materials, including pollutants, particulates, toxins, and materials covered by the traditional definition of chemicals.

The T&R Co-chairs, consistent with T&R endorsement, may recommend actions on major toxics and risk R&D and policy issues to the CENRS.

D. Membership

The following NSTC departments and agencies are represented on the T&R:

- Department of Agriculture;
- Department of Commerce;
- Department of Defense (Co-chair);
- Department of Energy;
- Department of Health and Human Services (Co-Chair);
- Department of Homeland Security;
- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Department of the Interior;
- Department of Labor;
- Department of State;
- Department of Transportation;
- Department of Veterans Affairs;
- Environmental Protection Agency (Co-Chair);
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and
- National Science Foundation.

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

- Office of Management and Budget; and
- Office of Science and Technology Policy.

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

E. Private-Sector Interface

The T&R may work with the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology to secure appropriate private-sector advice and will recommend to the CENRS and/or the OSTP Director the nature of additional private-sector advice² needed to accomplish its mission. The T&R may also interact with and receive *ad hoc* advice from various private-sector groups as consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

F. Termination Date

Unless renewed by the Co-chairs of the CENRS prior to its expiration, the T&R shall terminate no later than December 31, 2016.

² The Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., as amended, does not explicitly define "private sector", but the phrase is generally understood to include individuals or entities outside the Federal government such as, but not limited to, the following: non-Federal sources, academia, State, local or tribal governments, individual citizens, the public, non-governmental organizations, industry associations, and international bodies.

G. Determination

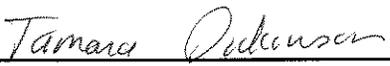
We hereby determine that the reestablishment of the Subcommittee on Toxics and Risk is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Executive Branch by law, and that such duties can best be performed through the advice and counsel of such a group.

Approved:



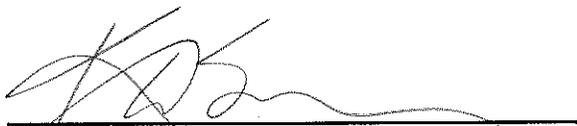
Glenn Paulson
Co-chair of the CENRS, and
Science Advisor to the Administrator
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12/13/13
Date



Tamara Dickinson
Co-chair of the CENRS, and
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Office of Science and Technology Policy
Executive Office of the President

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Kathryn Sullivan
Co-chair of the CENRS, and
Acting Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere and
Acting Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
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