

# ARCTIC EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

## Summary of Principals' Meeting November 17, 2022

### Overview

On July 22, 2022, the Arctic Executive Steering Committee (AESC) held its fourth Principals' Meeting in the Biden-Harris Administration. Dr. Arati Prabhakar, Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, chaired the meeting. Katie Tobin represented the President's National Security Advisor, Jake Sullivan, who serves as AESC Vice Chair.

The meeting included the following segments:

- Opening remarks by Dr. Prabhakar and Katie Tobin
- Discussion of the recent changes in the geopolitical circumstances facing the Arctic Region
- Launching of work on an Implementation Plan for the 2022 [National Strategy for the Arctic Region](#)
- Progress assessments on initiatives launched at previous AESC Principals' meetings:
  - Assisting Environmentally Threatened Communities in Alaska
  - Improving Water and Sanitation Services to Arctic Communities
  - Advancing Marine Science in the Arctic
  - Advancing Safe and Environmentally Secure Arctic Shipping
  - Cleaning up Alaska Native Lands
  - Potential for Sustainable Development of Critical Minerals in Alaska
- Presentation on the U.S. Extended Continental Shelf

### Background

President Obama created the AESC through [Executive Order 13698](#) and directed it to

provide guidance to executive departments and agencies and enhance coordination of Federal Arctic policies across agencies and offices, and, where applicable, with State, local, and Alaska Native tribal governments and similar Alaska Native organizations, academic and research institutions, and the private and nonprofit sectors.

**Next AESC Meeting:** The AESC intends to hold its next meeting in the first quarter of 2023.