

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Commerce

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Advisory Committee on Earthquake
Hazards Reduction

3b. GSA

Committee No.

29142

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

04/19/2024

6. Expected Renewal Date

04/19/2026

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Section 103 of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP) Reauthorization Act of 2004 (P. L. 108-360), 42 U.S.C. § 7704(a)(5), and was established pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.

13. Effective Date

10/25/2004

14. Committee Type

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

16a. Total
Number of
Reports

No Reports for
 this Fiscal Year

17a. 0 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current Next	
	FY	FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other (rents, user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee acts in the public interest to assess: (1) trends and developments in the science and engineering of earthquake hazards reduction; (2) effectiveness of the Program in

carrying out the activities under section 103(a)(2) of the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977; (3) the need to revise the Program; and (4) the coordination, implementation, and activities of the Program.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Members are selected on the basis of established records of distinguished service in their professional community and their knowledge of issues affecting the Program. Members reflect the wide diversity of technical disciplines, competencies, and communities involved in earthquake hazards reduction. Members are drawn from industry and other communities having an active interest in the Program, such as, but not limited to, research and academic institutions, industry standards development organizations, state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, and financial communities, who are qualified to provide advice on earthquake hazards reduction and represent all related scientific, architectural, social, and engineering disciplines.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Committee shall meet face-to-face at least once per year to receive National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP) agency activity updates. Additional meetings may be called whenever requested by the NIST Director. To promote efficient spending as directed by Executive Order 13589, the Committee is conducting webinars in lieu of face-to-face meetings, when feasible.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Committee is necessary to fulfill the responsibility of the Department under the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2004 (42 U.S.C. §§ 7701 et seq.), which was amended in December 2018.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

This Committee functions solely as an advisory body, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The appointed Committee Chair is following the minimum requirements of the current ACEHR Charter by submitting a full report to the Director of NIST at least once every two years on its findings of the assessment carried out under the objective and scope of activities within the charter, and its recommendations for ways to improve the Program. The last Committee biennial report was submitted on September 30, 2023 and the next report is due by September 30, 2025.

Designated Federal Officer

Tina Faecke Management and Program Analyst
out of 13.

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Narrative Description

The Committee is mandated by P.L. 115-307, the 2018 reauthorization of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP). By statute, the Committee is composed of representatives of research & academic institutions, industry standards development organizations, state & local government, & financial committees who are qualified to provide advice on earthquake hazards reduction & represent all related scientific, architectural, & engineering disciplines. The Committee shall

assess trends and developments in the science & engineering of earthquake hazards reduction; effectiveness of the program in carrying out its prescribed activities; need to revise the program; and the management, coordination, implementation, and activities of NEHRP.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

116

Number of Recommendations Comments

The total number of recommendations for the life of the Committee as of the last report (September 30, 2023) is 116. There were nine new recommendations in FY23. Out of the 116 recommendations, 52% are “fully implemented”, 15% were “partially implemented”, 7% are “in planning”, 11% are “under consideration”, and 11% are considered “out of scope”. Based on legislative changes by the NEHRP Reauthorization Act of 2018, 4% are considered “not applicable”.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

52%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

This approximate percentage of fully implemented recommendations decreased since FY22 because of the nine new recommendations submitted on September 30, 2023. NEHRP is a multi-agency program; therefore, many of the recommendations are tied to funding issues that are governed by appropriations, legislation, and available resources, which can be different for each of the NEHRP agencies. Consistent with available resources, each recommendation is being addressed.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

74%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

The four agencies have or plan to partially implement a quarter of the total recommendations. Therefore, the agencies have acted upon or are planning to act on 74% of the total recommendations in some capacity. This approximate percentage of total implemented recommendations decreased since FY22 because of the nine new recommendations submitted on September 30, 2023.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

At the next scheduled Committee meeting (February or March 2024), each NEHRP agency representative will provide a response to the Committee addressing any new recommendations involving their agency. The NEHRP Director or their designee will provide a response to the Committee addressing the general recommendations for NEHRP. The Interagency Coordinating Committee is also briefed. The responses are posted on the NEHRP web site at <https://nehrrp.gov/committees/reports.htm>.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Not Applicable

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

NEHRP general web site is <https://nehnp.gov/> since this is an interagency Program.