

## 2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Inland Waterways Users Board

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Defense

### 2. Fiscal Year

2024

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Inland Waterways Users Board

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

422

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

### 5. Current Charter

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

### 7. Expected Term Date

No

04/05/2024 04/05/2026

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

33 U.S.C. § 2251

### 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

33 U.S.C. § 2251

### 13. Effective Date

11/17/1986

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee

Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

### 16a. Total Number of Reports

1

### 16b. Report Date

Report Title

12/31/2023

Inland Waterways Users Board 35th Annual Report

### Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

### 17a. Open

2

### 17b. Closed

0

### 17c. Partially Closed

0

### Other Activities

0

### 17d. Total

2

### Meetings and Dates

#### Purpose

Conduct Users Board meeting #101. The meeting was to review Congressional actions, budget and appropriations, program direction and project updates.

#### Start

#### End

10/19/2023 - 10/19/2023

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2**

	<b>Current FY</b>	<b>Next FY</b>
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$286,000.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$19,000.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$0.00	\$335,000.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	2.40

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Inland Waterways Users Board (IWUB) is statutorily required to report annually to the Secretary of the Army and the U.S. Congress with recommendations on inland waterways investment priorities and funding levels. These annual reports focus on investment prioritization of inland waterways projects, efficient funding in future Federal budgets for domestic spending and

infrastructure investment, the ability of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund to fund the non-Federal share of future modernization and rehabilitation costs for the designated inland waterways, and application of sound business principles to develop an affordable investment program. The Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2014 also requires the IWUB to submit advice and recommendations on the budget for each fiscal year.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

IWUB representative members represent inland waterways transportation service providers (carriers), primary users of these services (shippers), or perform both as a carrier and shipper. Also, they represent a large share of the carrier capacity and the primary and most other types of waterborne commodities moved on the inland waterways system, such as Coal & Coke, Farm & Food products, Petroleum and related products. Members are geographically balanced and may also represent trade and regional development organizations. IWUB recommendations are consensually based on operation experience, waterways traffic and lock utilization, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers capabilities, and funding realities.

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

The IWUB is required to meet semi-annually by law. The IWUB normally meets three times a year, usually in February/March, July/August, and November/December. The Spring date is to formalize investment recommendations and priorities for inland navigation projects. The Summer meeting is to prepare and analyze

information from the President's Budget and Administration testimony. The Fall meeting is to review Congressional actions, budget and appropriations, program direction and project updates. Additional meetings can be called, as needed.

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

Federal statute (33 U.S.C. § 2251) required the Secretary of Defense to establish this FACA committee as the nature of the IWUB's highly specialized advice is not replicated elsewhere.

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

Meetings are not closed to the public unless the DoD determines that items on the planned agenda meet the closed meeting provisions of 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c). Pursuant to DoD policy closed meetings can only be authorized by the DoD Sponsor, the Secretary of the Army, and only after consultation with the Office of General Counsel for the Department of the Army.

**21. Remarks**

Representative Organizations and their designated individual to represent the company on the IWUB were selected effective 31 January 2024 and 15 February 2024. The Department of Defense highly values the recommendations provided by the IWUB.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Paul D. Clouse DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Dickens, Justin	02/15/2024	02/15/2026	Vice President - Administration	Representative Member

Hettel, Martin	01/31/2024	01/30/2026	Vice President of Government Affairs	Representative Member
Judd, Damon	01/31/2024	01/30/2026	President	Representative Member
Kreider, Richard	02/15/2024	02/15/2026	Vice President of Logistics	Representative Member
Loomes, David	01/31/2022	01/30/2024	President	Representative Member
Murphy, W. Spencer	01/31/2024	01/30/2026	General Counsel and Vice President	Representative Member
Oakley, Dennis	01/31/2022	01/30/2024	President and CEO	Representative Member
Power, Timothy	01/31/2022	01/30/2024	President	Representative Member
Rase, Lance	01/31/2024	01/30/2026	Vice President - Transportation, Logistics and Marine	Representative Member
Rich, Robert	01/31/2024	01/30/2026	Vice President of Marine Services	Representative Member
Taylor, Crystal	01/31/2024	01/30/2026	Chief Financial Officer (CFO)	Representative Member
Webb, Jeff	01/31/2024	01/30/2026	President	Representative Member
Wilson, Jeffery	02/15/2024	02/15/2026	Supply Chain Leader, Sr Marine Logistics Transportation Manager	Representative Member
Woodruff, William "Matt"	01/31/2024	01/30/2026	Vice President - Public and Government Affairs	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 14**

### Narrative Description

The IWUB supports the Navigation Business Function of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Strategic Plan.

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

Checked if  
Applies

Improvements to health or safety



Trust in government



Major policy changes



Advance in scientific research



Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" 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

Recommendations made by the IWUB focus on the inclusion of inland waterways improvement and modernization projects in the President's Budget for Civil Works rather than trying to obtain cost efficiencies in agency operations. Focus is to efficiently fund projects which in turn may result in cost avoidance or savings.

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

205

### Number of Recommendations Comments

For FY24, there were eleven (11) recommendations contained in the IWUB 35th Annual Report to SecArmy and Congress. For FY23 there were seven (7) recommendations contained in the IWUB 34th Annual Report to SecArmy and Congress dated December 2022. There were no recommendations in FY22 as a result of the suspension of activities from the SecDef Zero-based Review (ZBR). The IWUB provides recommendations in an

annual report required by legislation that is prepared at the end of the calendar/start of the next year – the recommendations for calendar year 2022 were available as of the beginning of March 2023. There was no Annual Report nor any recommendations in 2021 due to the ZBR pause. The Annual Report for 2020 was prepared and is dated December 2020 (FY21), it contains six (6) recommendations. The Annual Report for 2019 is dated December 2019 and contains seven (7) recommendations. The correct aggregate number for FY23 is 194 recommendations. Nine (9) recommendations in the 2018 annual report; nine (9) recommendations in the 2017 annual report; nine (9) recommendations in the 2016 annual report; seven (7) recommendations in the 2015 annual report.

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

78%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

Recommendations implemented IAW the needs of and requirements to sustain and modernize our inland waterways. Recommendations are often implemented by specific focus areas or projects. The recommendations are contained in the Annual Report and our compliance is reflected by the inclusion of projects in the President's Budget and its recommended appropriation amount.

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

16%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

Recommendations made by the IWUB in their annual report regarding future projects and funding are often compatible with the agency's budget recommendations. The partial implementation refers to the inclusion of a project recommended by the IWUB in the President's Budget, but with a different recommended appropriation amount.

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

Feedback is provided at every meeting of the IWUB.

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

Checked if Applies

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

**Action Comments**

NA

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

**Access Comments**

N/A