

CHARTER
of the
INTERAGENCY ARCTIC RESEARCH POLICY COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND SUSTAINABILITY
NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

A. Official Designation

The Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC) is hereby established as an interagency working group (IWG) of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Sustainability (CENRS). The IARPC operates under the guidelines established by the NSTC for an IWG and reports directly to the CENRS.

B. Purpose and Scope

The Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 (ARPA), Public Law 98-373, July 31, 1984, as amended by Public Law 101-609, November 16, 1990 (see Appendix I), provides for a comprehensive national policy dealing with national research needs and objectives in the Arctic. The ARPA establishes an Arctic Research Commission (the Commission) and an Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC) to help implement the Act.

IARPC was formally created by Executive Order 12501. Its activities have been coordinated by the National Science Foundation (NSF), with the Director of the NSF as chair. On July 22, 2010, President Obama issued a Memorandum for the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy[†] making the NSTC responsible for the IARPC.

C. Functions

The functions of the IARPC are defined in Sections 108, 109, and 110 of the ARPA and include the following:

- (1) survey Arctic research conducted by Federal, State, and local agencies, universities, and other public and private institutions¹ to help determine priorities for future Arctic research, including natural resources and materials, physical and biological sciences, and social and behavioral sciences;
- (2) work with the Commission to develop and establish an integrated national Arctic research policy that will guide Federal agencies in developing and implementing their research programs in the Arctic;

¹ This includes Alaska native communities and/or organizations.

(3) consult with the Commission on:

- a. the development of the national Arctic research policy and the 5-year plan implementing the policy;
- b. Arctic research programs of Federal agencies;
- c. recommendations of the Commission on future Arctic research; and
- d. guidelines for Federal agencies for awarding and administering Arctic research grants;

(4) develop a 5-year plan to implement the national policy, as described in more detail in section 109 of ARPA (see Appendix I);

(5) facilitate cooperation between the Federal Government and State, local, and tribal governments² in Arctic research, and recommend the undertaking of neglected areas of research in accordance with the findings and purposes of this title;

(6) coordinate and promote cooperative Arctic scientific research programs with other nations, subject to the foreign policy guidance of the Secretary of State;

(7) cooperate with the Governor of the State of Alaska in fulfilling its responsibilities under this title;

(8) promote Federal interagency coordination of all Arctic research activities, including:

- a. logistical planning and coordination; and
- b. the sharing of data and information associated with Arctic research, as permitted by law;

(9) provide an opportunity for the public to participate in the development and implementation of national Arctic research policy; and

(10) Biennially submit to the Congress through the President a brief concise report containing:

- a. a statement of its activities and accomplishments since its last report; and
- b. a statement describing alignment of IARPC activities and accomplishments with the Commission's "Report on Goals and Objectives for Arctic Research;

² Including Alaska native communities.

D. Membership

The following NSTC departments and agencies are represented on the IARPC:

Department of Agriculture;
Department of Commerce;
Department of Defense;
Department of Energy;
Department of Health and Human Services;
Department of Homeland Security;
Department of the Interior;
Department of State;
Department of Transportation;
Environmental Protection Agency;
National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and
National Science Foundation (Chair);

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

Office of Management and Budget, and
Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Cooperating departments and agencies shall include other such Executive branch organizations, departments, and agencies as the CENRS co-Chairs may, from time to time, designate.

E. Private-Sector Interface

The IARPC may consult the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology to secure appropriate private-sector³ advice and will recommend to the CENRS and/or the Assistant to the President for Science and Technology the nature of additional private-sector advice needed to accomplish its mission. The IARPC may also interact with and receive ad hoc advice from various private-sector groups consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

F. Termination

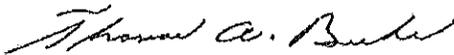
Unless renewed by the co-Chairs of the CENRS prior to its expiration, the IARPC shall terminate no later than June 30, 2017.

³ 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, international bodies, etc.

G. Determination

I hereby determine that the establishment of the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee 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:



Thomas Burke
Co-Chair of the CENRS, and
Assistant Administrator for Research and Development, and
Science Advisor
Environmental Protection Agency

6/9/16
Date



Tamara Dickinson
Co-Chair of the CENRS, and
Principal Assistant Director
Energy and Environment Division
Office of Science and Technology Policy
Executive Office of the President

6/14/16
Date



Kathryn Sullivan
Co-Chair of the CENRS, and
Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, and
Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Department of Commerce

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