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THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
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NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON  
SPECIAL STUDIES RELATING TO POSSIBLE LONG-TERM HEALTH EFFECTS  
OF PHENOXY HERBICIDES AND CONTAMINANTS

I hereby determine, after consultation with the Administrator, General Services Administration, that renewal of the Advisory Committee on Special Studies Relating to Possible Long-Term Health Effects of Phenoxy Herbicides and Contaminants beyond January 19, 1983, is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department by law, that such duties can best be performed through the advice and counsel of such a group, and therefore, the Committee is continued until January 19, 1985.

I further deem that it is not feasible for the Department nor any of its existing committees to perform these duties, and that a satisfactory plan for appropriate balance of committee membership has been submitted.

2/3/83

Date

Richard S. Schweiker  
Secretary



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4/15/83

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

## CHARTER

### Advisory Committee on Special Studies Relating to The Possible Long-Term Health-Effects of Phenoxy Herbicides and Contaminants

#### Purpose

By memorandum of December 11, 1979, the Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs and Policy directed the establishment of an Interagency Work Group to Study the Possible Long-Term Health Effects of Phenoxy Herbicides and Contaminants (Work Group) under the leadership of the Secretary of Health and Human Services. The Work Group was specifically directed to assure that the protocols and methodology of proposed Federal research studies will produce reliable data, as well as to provide technical support to individual agencies in the implementation of research.

On August 1, 1980, the Work Group recommended that the United States Air Force conduct its proposed Epidemiologic Studies of Ranch Hand Personnel (Ranch Hand Study) and that the conduct of the study be overseen by an independent monitoring committee. By memorandum of September 16, 1980, the Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs and Policy directed the Air Force to conduct the Ranch Hand Study. In addition, the memorandum directed the Scientific Panel of the Work Group, augmented by scientists from outside the government and including those suggested by veterans organizations, to oversee the study and to provide technical assistance, as needed, to the Air Force.

On July 17, 1981, the President re-established the Interagency Work Group as the Agent Orange Working Group (AOWG) and elevated it to Cabinet Council status. On August 21, 1981, the Secretary, DHHS, acting as Chairman Pro-Tem, Cabinet Counsel on Human Resources, reaffirmed the Work Group's mandate of December 11, 1979 and appointed the Deputy Undersecretary for Intergovernmental Affairs as Chair of the AOWG.

#### Authority

42 U.S.C. 217(a), Section 222 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. The Committee is established in accordance with and is governed by the provisions of P.L. 92-463 which sets forth standards for the formation and use of Advisory Committees.

#### Function

The Advisory Committee on Special Studies Relating to the Possible Long-Term Health Effects of Phenoxy Herbicides and Contaminants shall advise the Secretary and the Deputy Undersecretary for Intergovernmental Affairs acting as Chair of the AOWG concerning its oversight of the

conduct of the Ranch Hand Study by the Air Force and shall provide technical assistance to the Air Force in its conduct of the study. The Advisory Committee shall perform the same functions with respect to its oversight of any other studies in which the AOWG believes involvement by the Advisory Committee is desirable.

### Structure

The Committee shall consist of the Secretary, or designee, as Chair, and six members selected by the Secretary from authorities knowledgeable in clinical medicine, medical epidemiology, toxicology, biostatistics and related fields.

Members shall be invited to serve for the duration of the Committee.

Management and staff services and the Committee's Executive Secretary shall be provided by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

### Meetings

Meetings shall usually be held quarterly at the call of the Chair, who shall also approve the agenda. A government official shall be present at all meetings.

Meetings shall be open to the public except as determined otherwise by the Secretary; notice of all meetings shall be given to the public.

Meetings shall be conducted, and records of the proceedings kept, as required by applicable laws and Departmental regulations.

### Compensation

Members who are not full-time Federal employees shall be paid at the rate of \$100 per day, plus per diem and travel expenses in accordance with Standard Governmental Travel Regulations.

### Annual Cost Estimate

Estimated annual cost for operating the Committee, including compensation and travel expenses for members but excluding staff support, is \$19,736. Estimate of annual manyears of staff support required is one-quarter, at an estimated annual cost of \$8,380.

### Reports

An annual report shall be submitted to the Secretary through the Deputy Undersecretary for Intergovernmental Affairs not later than November 1 of each year, which shall contain as a minimum a list of

of members and their business addresses, the Committee's functions, dates and places of meetings, and a summary of Committee activities and recommendations made during the fiscal year. A copy of the report shall be provided to the Department Committee Management Office.

Termination Date

The duration of the Advisory Committee on Special Studies Relating to the Possible Long-Term Health Effects of Phenoxy Herbicides and Contaminants is five years. Unless renewed by appropriate action prior to its expiration, the Committee will terminate on January 19, 1985.

APPROVED:

2/3/83                      Richard A. Shwartz  
Date    Secretary

Charter Filing Date 4/15/83



Name of Committee Advisory Committee on Special Studies Relating to the Possible Long-Term Health Effects of Phenoxy Herbicides and Contaminants  
 Authorized Members 6 Current Actual Members 6 No. of Members for Project Year, if other than Authorized members N/A

	<u>19</u> <u>Current Year</u>	<u>19</u> <u>Projected Year</u>
<b><u>TOTAL COSTS PER COMMITTEE</u></b>	\$ <u>9,264</u>	\$ <u>28,116</u>
1. Federal Staff Costs - TOTAL (Use pages 3 through 5 to show specific costs)	<u>5,552</u>	<u>8,380</u>
2. Operating Costs -- TOTAL	<u>3,712</u>	<u>19,736</u>
<b><u>JOURNALIZED OR NON-FEDERAL MEMBER COSTS</u></b>		
1. <u>Meetings</u>		
a. Travel	<u>979</u>	<u>4,500</u>
b. Per diem	<u>538</u>	<u>2,400</u>
c. Consultant fees at <u>\$100</u> per day	<u>1,000</u>	<u>5,400</u>
d. SUBTOTAL - Meeting Costs	\$ <u>2,517</u>	\$ <u>12,300</u>
e. Number of meeting days <u>2 / 9</u>		
f. Number of man meeting days <u>10 / 54</u>		
2. <u>Site Visits</u>		
a. Travel	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
b. Per diem	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
c. Consultant fees at _____ per day	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
d. SUBTOTAL - Site Visit Costs	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
e. Number of site visit days <u>1</u>		
f. Number of site visit man days <u>1</u>		
3. <u>Other committee-related activities</u>		
a. Travel	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
b. Per diem	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
c. Consultant fees at _____ per day	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
d. SUBTOTAL - Other Activities	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
e. Number of meeting days <u>1</u>		
f. Number of man meeting days <u>1</u>		

AD HOC VISITORS

1. Meetings

a. Travel*	<u>N/A</u>	<u>2,000</u>
b. Per diem	<u>N/A</u>	<u>1,200</u>
c. Consultant fees at <u>\$100</u> per day	<u>N/A</u>	<u>400</u>
d. SUBTOTAL - Meeting Costs	<u>\$ N/A</u>	<u>\$ 3,600</u>
e. Number of meeting days	<u>    / 2</u>	
f. Number of man meeting days	<u>    / 4</u>	

2. Site Visits

a. Travel*	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
b. Per diem	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
c. Consultant fees at <u>        </u> per day	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
d. SUBTOTAL - Site Visit Costs	<u>\$ N/A</u>	<u>\$ N/A</u>
e. Number of site visit days	<u>    /</u>	
f. Number of site visit man days	<u>    /</u>	

ADMINISTRATIVE OVERHEAD

a. Printing and Reproduction	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
b. Special Publications/Reports	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
c. Rental of Meeting Facilities	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
d. Supplies and Materials	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
e. Postal Fees/Federal Express	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
f. Court Reporting/Transcripts	<u>1,195</u>	<u>3,836</u>
g. SUBTOTAL - Administrative Overhead*	<u>\$ 1,195</u>	<u>\$ 3,836</u>

\*Includes 8.4% inflationary increase for FY '82, and 7% for FY '83 per Department instructions.





Advisory Committee on Special Studies Relating to the Possible Long-Term Health Effects of Phenoxy Herbicides and Contaminants

Name of Committee \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Projected Year</u>
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL STAFF COSTS</b>	\$ <u>5,552</u>	\$ <u>8,380</u>
<b>Total Staff Time: Percent</b>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
<b>Staff Support Years</b>	<u>1/2</u>	<u>1/2</u>
Director, Toxicology Research and		
<b>A. Title/Grade:</b>	<u>Testing Program SES, ES-04</u>	
1. Annual Salary	<u>58,500</u>	<u>58,500</u>
2. Projected Salary Increase ( <u>N/A</u> %)		
3. Other Projected Increases ( <u>N/A</u> %)		
4. SUBTOTAL - Projected Annual Salary		\$ <u>58,500</u>
5. Fringe Benefits (10%)	<u>5,850</u>	<u>5,850</u>
6. Annual Compensation	<u>64,350</u>	<u>64,350</u>
7. Percent of Time Devoted to Committee Work <u>5</u> % / <u>5</u> %		
8. Net Salary Compensation	\$ <u>3,217</u>	\$ <u>3,217</u>
9. <u>Meetings</u>		
a. Travel*	<u>N/A</u>	<u>960</u>
b. Per diem	<u>N/A</u>	<u>585</u>
c. Number of days: <u>2</u> / <u>6</u>		
10. SUBTOTAL - Meeting Costs	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>1,545</u> *
11. <u>Site Visits</u>		
a. Travel*	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
b. Per diem	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
c. Number of days: <u>      </u> / <u>      </u>		
12. SUBTOTAL - Site Visits Cost	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
13. TOTAL STAFF COSTS - Employee A.	\$ <u>3,217</u>	\$ <u>4,762</u>

<b>B. Title/Grade:</b> <u>Executive Secretary GM-14</u>			
1.	Annual Salary	<u>\$40,000</u>	<u>N/A</u>
2.	Projected Salary Increase ( <u>N/A</u> %)		<u>N/A</u>
3.	Other Projected Increases ( <u>N/A</u> %)		<u>N/A</u>
4.	SUBTOTAL - Projected Annual Salary		<u>\$ N/A</u>
5.	Fringe Benefits (10%)	<u>4,000</u>	<u>N/A</u>
6.	Annual Compensation	<u>\$44,000</u>	<u>N/A</u>
7.	Percent of Time Devoted to Committee Work <u>5</u> % / <u>N/A</u> %		
8.	Net Salary Compensation	<u>\$ 2,200</u>	<u>\$ N/A</u>
9.	<u>Meetings</u>		
a.	Travel*	<u>112</u>	<u>N/A</u>
b.	Per diem	<u>23</u>	<u>N/A</u>
c.	Number of days: <u>1</u> / <u>N/A</u>		
10.	SUBTOTAL - Meeting Costs	<u>\$ 135</u>	<u>\$ N/A</u>
11.	<u>Site Visits</u>		
a.	Travel*	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
b.	Per diem	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
c.	Number of days: <u>N/A</u> / <u>N/A</u>		
12.	SUBTOTAL - Site Visits Cost	<u>\$ N/A</u>	<u>\$ N/A</u>
13.	TOTAL STAFF COSTS - Employee B.	<u>\$ 2,335</u>	<u>\$ N/A</u>
<b>C. Title/Grade:</b> <u>Executive Secretary, GM-14</u>			
1.	Annual Salary	<u>N/A</u>	<u>36,946</u>
2.	Projected Salary Increase ( <u>2</u> %)		<u>739</u>
3.	Other Projected Increases ( <u>N/A</u> %)		<u>N/A</u>
4.	SUBTOTAL - Projected Annual Salary		<u>\$ 37,685</u>

5.	Fringe Benefits (10%)	<u>N/A</u>	<u>3,769</u>
6.	Annual Compensation	<u>N/A</u>	<u>41,454</u>
7.	Percent of Time Devoted to Committee Work <u>N/A</u> / <u>5</u>		
8.	Net Salary Compensation	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>2,073</u>
9.	<u>Meetings</u>		
	a. Travel*	<u>N/A</u>	<u>960</u>
	b. Per diem	<u>N/A</u>	<u>585</u>
	c. Number of days: <u>N/A</u> / <u>6</u>		
10.	SUBTOTAL - Meeting Costs	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>1,545 *</u>
11.	<u>Site Visits</u>		
	a. Travel*	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
	b. Per diem	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
	c. Number of days: <u>N/A</u> / <u>N/A</u>		
12.	SUBTOTAL - Site Visits Cost	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
13.	TOTAL STAFF COSTS - Employee C.	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>3,618</u>

\*Assumes meetings will be held in San Antonio. If they are held in Research Triangle Park, there will be no travel costs.

NOTE: In Calendar Year 1982, only one meeting was held. The meeting was held in Research Triangle Park, NC. There were no travel costs for Dr. Moore. Three meetings are projected for Calendar Year 1983, therefore the costs will be higher.

\*Includes 7% projected inflation rate per ASMB instructions.



Advisory Committee on Special Studies Relating to the Possible  
Long-Term Health Effects of Phenoxy Herbicides and Contaminants

NAME OF COMMITTEE \_\_\_\_\_

AGENCY: \_\_\_\_\_

FINANCIAL COMPARISON

	CURRENT (Old Charter)	DIFFERENCE Current/Actual	ACTUAL (FOP)	DIFFERENCE Actual/Projected	PROJECTED (New Charter)
STAFF COSTS	<u>15,000</u>	<u>\$ -9,448</u>	<u>5,552</u>	<u>\$ +2,828</u>	<u>8,380</u>
		<u>63%</u>		<u>51%</u>	
OPERATING COSTS	<u>11,600</u>	<u>\$ -7,888</u>	<u>3,712</u>	<u>\$ +16,024</u>	<u>19,736</u>
		<u>68%</u>		<u>432%</u>	
TOTAL COSTS	<u>26,600 <sup>1/</sup></u>	<u>\$ -17,336</u>	<u>9,264 <sup>1/</sup></u>	<u>\$ +18,852 <sup>2/</sup></u>	<u>28,116</u>
		<u>65%</u>		<u>203%</u>	
GSA REPORT			<u>31,935</u>		<u>28,116</u>
DIFFERENCE			<u>22,671</u>		<u>0</u>
NO. OF STAFF	<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>
NO. OF MEETINGS	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>		<u>3</u>

<sup>1/</sup> The current total from the old charter was based on at least 3 meetings and the difference is based on the fact that only one meeting was held.

<sup>2/</sup> The projected increase for the new charter is based on 3 meetings in 1983 with a full membership.

PLAN FOR APPROPRIATE BALANCE OF COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Advisory Committee on Special Studies Relating to the Possible Long-Term Health Effects of Phenoxy Herbicides and Contaminants shall consist of six non-government members who shall be selected from recognized authorities knowledgeable in clinical medicine, medical epidemiology, toxicology, biostatistics and related fields.

Although members will be selected primarily on the basis of scientific excellence and area of competence, the Department will give close attention to equitable geographic distribution and to minority and female representation.

Appointments shall be made without discrimination on the basis of race, age, sex, cultural, religious or socio-economic status.



PROFESSIONAL AREA BREAKDOWN

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL STUDIES RELATING TO POSSIBLE LONG-TERM HEALTH EFFECTS OF  
PHENOXY HERBICIDES AND CONTAMINANTS

NAME	TERM ENDING	EXPERTISE	PROF/LAY*	PRIN/ALT	STATE	MINORITY-FEMALE
Comstock, George	Duration of Committee	Medical epidemiology and biostatistics	X	X	MA	
Doull, John	"	Toxicology Clinical medicine	X	X	KA	
Monson, Richard	"	Medical epidemiology	X	X	MD	
Nelson, Norton	"	Toxicology	X	X	NY	
Poland, Alan	"	Toxicology	X	X	WI	
Selikoff, Irving	"	Clinical medicine and medical epidemiology	X	x	NY	

\*Due to technical nature of the Advisory Committee on Special Studies Relating to Possible Long-Term Health Effects of Phenoxy Herbicides and Contaminants, lay representation is inappropriate.

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By Order of the Federal Maritime  
Commission

Joseph C. Pelling,  
Acting Secretary

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Independent Ocean Freight Forwarder  
License No. 2210

**Shamrock International, Inc., Order of  
Revocation**

Section 44 of the Shipping Act, 1916,  
as amended, provides that an independent ocean  
freight forwarder license shall remain in  
effect only if a valid bond is in effect and  
the licensee complies with Commission Rule 510.9.  
Section 44 of the Shipping Act, 1916, as amended,  
and Federal Maritime Commission  
General Order 4 further provides that a  
license will be automatically revoked or  
suspended for failure of a licensee to  
maintain a valid bond on file.  
Shamrock International, Inc. was admitted  
to the Commission on March 20, 1981.

By letter dated March 18, 1981,  
Shamrock International, Inc. was  
advised by the Federal Maritime  
Commission that Independent Ocean  
Freight Forwarder No. 2210 would be  
automatically revoked or suspended  
unless a valid surety bond was filed  
with the Commission.

Shamrock International, Inc. has  
failed to furnish a valid bond.

By virtue of authority vested in me by  
the Federal Maritime Commission as set  
forth in Manual of Orders, Commission  
Order No. 2011 (Revised), section  
501(d) dated August 6, 1977,

Notice is hereby given, that  
Independent Ocean Freight Forwarder  
License No. 2210 be and is hereby  
revoked effective March 22, 1981.

It is ordered that Independent Ocean  
Freight Forwarder License No. 2210  
issued to Shamrock International, Inc.  
be returned to the Commission for  
cancellation.

It is further ordered that a copy of  
this Order be published in the Federal

Register and served upon Shamrock  
International, Inc.  
David J. Conroy,  
Director, Bureau of Certification & Licensing  
P.O. Box 41-488 Filed 3-29-81 9:48 am  
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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES**

**Advisory Committee on Special  
Studies Relating to the possible Long-  
Term Health Effects of Phenoxy  
Herbicides and Contaminants**

AGENCY: Office of the General Counsel,  
HHS.

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee  
Establishment.

PURPOSE: The Advisory Committee on  
Special Studies Relating to the possible  
Long-Term Health Effects of Phenoxy  
Herbicides and Contaminants shall  
advise the Secretary and the Chair of  
the Interagency Work Group to Study  
the possible Long-Term Health Effects of  
Phenoxy Herbicides and Contaminants  
(Work Group) concerning the Advisory  
Committee's oversight of the conduct of  
the Epidemiologic Study of Ranch Hand  
Personnel by the Air Force. The  
Advisory Committee shall also provide  
technical assistance to the Air Force in  
its conduct of the study. The Advisory  
Committee shall perform the same  
functions with respect to its oversight of  
any other studies in which the Work  
Group believes involvement of the  
Advisory Committee is desirable.

DATE: The Charter for this Committee  
was signed by the Secretary of Health  
and Human Services on January 18,  
1981. It will terminate five years from  
the date of signature by the Secretary,  
and will be renewed every two years in  
compliance with Pub. L. 97-492.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:  
Mr. Leslie A. Platt, Deputy General  
Counsel for Legal Counsel, DPHS, Room  
716E, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W.,  
Washington, D.C. 20201, 202-345-7342.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The  
Committee is being formed to advise the  
Secretary and the Chair of the Work  
Group. The Work Group is comprised of  
Representatives of the Departments of  
Health and Human Services and  
Defense and the Veterans  
Administration, and is under the  
leadership of the Secretary of Health  
and Human Services. It is chaired by the  
General Counsel of the Department of  
Health and Human Services.  
Representatives from the Departments  
of Agriculture and Labor, the  
Environmental Protection Agency, the  
Office of Science and Technology Policy

and Congress' Office of Technology  
Assessment have observer status on the  
Work Group.

Ranch Hand personnel applied  
Herbicide Orange in Vietnam between  
1962 and 1971. The results of this study  
are expected to provide useful  
information about the long-term health  
effects of exposure of veterans to Agent  
Orange in Vietnam.

Dated: March 25, 1981

Juan A. del Real,

Acting General Counsel.

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**Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental  
Health Administration**

**Board of Scientific Counselors;  
Meeting**

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of  
the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5  
U.S.C. Appendix I), announcement is  
made of the following national advisory  
body scheduled to assemble during the  
month of May 1981.

Board of Scientific Counselors, NIMH

May 28-29; 9:30 a.m.

Conference Room 10B-07, Building 36,  
National Institutes of Health,  
Bethesda, Maryland 20205

Open--May 28; 9:30 to 9:45 a.m.

Closed--Otherwise

Contact: John C. Eberhart, Ph.D.,  
Building 36, Room 1A-06, National  
Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland  
20205 (301) 496-3801.

Purpose: The Board of Scientific  
Counselors provides expert advice to  
the Director, NIMH, on the mental  
health intramural research program  
through periodic visits to the  
laboratories for assessment of the  
research in progress and evaluation of  
productivity and performance of staff  
scientists.

Agenda: The Board will meet in  
Conference Room 10B-07, Building 36,  
Bethesda, Maryland, for approximately  
15 minutes for a report by the Director  
and Deputy Director of Intramural  
Research, NIMH, on recent  
administrative developments. The  
remainder of the two-day session will be  
devoted to a review of the intramural  
research projects from the Laboratory of  
Developmental Psychology, and the  
evaluation of individual scientific  
programs, and will not be open to the  
public in accordance with the  
determination by the Acting  
Administrator, Alcohol, Drug Abuse,  
and Mental Health Administration.

FORMAL DETERMINATION

I hereby determine, after consultation with the Administrator, General Services Administration, that formation of the Advisory Committee on Special Studies Relating to the Possible Long-Term Health Effects of Phenoxy Herbicides and Contaminants is in the public interest in connection with performance of duties imposed on the Department by law, and that such duties can best be performed through the advice and counsel of such a group.

I further deem that it is not feasible for the Department or any of its existing committees to perform these duties, and that a satisfactory plan for appropriate balance of committee membership has been submitted.

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## CHARTER

### Advisory Committee on Special Studies Relating to The Possible Long-Term Health Effects of Phenoxy Herbicides and Contaminants

#### Purpose

By memorandum of December 11, 1979, the Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs and Policy directed the establishment of an Interagency Work Group to Study the Possible Long-Term Health Effects of Phenoxy Herbicides and Contaminants (Work Group) under the leadership of the Secretary of Health and Human Services. The Work Group was specifically directed to assure that the protocols and methodology of proposed Federal research studies will produce reliable data, as well as to provide technical support to individual agencies in the implementation of research.

On August 1, 1980, the Work Group recommended that the United States Air Force conduct its proposed Epidemiologic Study of Ranch Hand Personnel (Ranch Hand Study) and that the conduct of the study be overseen by an independent monitoring committee. By memorandum of September 16, 1980, the Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs and Policy directed the Air Force to conduct the Ranch Hand Study. In addition, the memorandum directed the Scientific Panel of the Work Group, augmented by scientists from outside the government and including those suggested by veterans organizations, to oversee the study and to provide technical assistance, as needed, to the Air Force.

#### Authority

42 U.S.C. 217(a); Section 222 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. The Committee is established in accordance with and is governed by the provisions of P.L. 92-463 which sets forth standards for the formation and use of Advisory Committees.

#### Function

The Advisory Committee on Special Studies Relating to the Possible Long-Term Health Effects of Phenoxy Herbicides and Contaminants shall advise the Secretary and the Chair of the Work Group concerning its oversight of the conduct of the Ranch Hand Study by the Air Force and shall provide technical assistance to the Air Force in its conduct of the study. The Advisory Committee shall perform the same functions with respect to its oversight of any other studies in which the Work Group believes involvement by the Advisory Committee is desirable.

### Structure

The Committee shall consist of the Secretary, or designee, as Chair, and six members selected by the Secretary from authorities knowledgeable in clinical medicine, medical epidemiology, toxicology, biostatistics and related fields.

Members shall be invited to serve for the duration of the Committee.

Management and staff services shall be provided by the Public Health Service. The Office of the General Counsel shall provide an Executive Secretary.

### Meetings

Meetings shall usually be held quarterly at the call of the Chair, who shall also approve the agenda. A government official shall be present at all meetings.

Meetings shall be open to the public except as determined otherwise by the Secretary; notice of all meetings shall be given to the public.

Meetings shall be conducted, and records of the proceedings kept, as required by applicable laws and Departmental regulations.

### Compensation

Members who are not full-time Federal employees shall be paid at the rate of \$100 per day, plus per diem and travel expenses in accordance with Standard Governmental Travel Regulations.

### Annual Cost Estimate

Estimated annual cost for operating the committee, including compensation and travel expenses for members but excluding staff support, is \$11,600. Estimate of annual manyears of staff support required is one-half, at an estimated annual cost of \$15,000.

### Reports

An annual report shall be submitted to the Secretary through the General Counsel not later than November 1 of each year, which shall contain as a minimum a list of members and their business addresses, the committee's functions, dates and places of meetings, and a summary of committee activities and recommendations made during the fiscal year. A copy of the report shall be provided to the Department Committee Management Office.

Termination Date

Unless renewed by appropriate action prior to its expiration, the Advisory Committee on Special Studies Relating to the Possible Long-Term Health Effects of Phenoxy Herbicides and Contaminants will terminate five years from the date this charter is approved.

This Committee will be renewed every two years in compliance with P.L. 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Approved:

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