UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY CHARTER

NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND TECHNOLOGY

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1. Committee's Official Designation (Title):

National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT)

2. Authority:

This charter renews the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2. The NACEPT is in the public interest and supports the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in performing its duties and responsibilities.

3. Objectives and Scope of Activities:

NACEPT's scope involves advising the EPA Administrator on a broad range of crosscutting issues associated with EPA's environmental management on matters relating to activities and functions under federal environmental statutes, executive orders, regulations, and policies. NACEPT advises on ways to improve the development and implementation of domestic and international environmental management policies, programs, and technologies.

The major objectives are to provide advice and recommendations on:

a. Identifying approaches to improve the development and implementation of domestic and international environmental management policies and programs;

b. Providing guidance on how EPA can most efficiently and effectively implement innovative approaches throughout the Agency and its programs;

c. Identifying approaches to enhance information and technology planning;

d. Fostering improved approaches to environmental management in the fields of economics, finance, and technology;

e. Increasing communication and understanding among all levels of government, business, non-governmental organizations, academia, and tribal governments/communities, with the goal of increasing non-federal resources and improving the effectiveness of federal and non-federal resources directed at solving environmental problems; and

f. Implementing statutes, executive orders and regulations, as well as reviewing and assessing progress in their implementation.

4. Description of Committee's Duties:

The duties of the NACEPT are solely to provide independent advice to EPA.

5. Official(s) to Whom the Committee Reports:

NACEPT will submit advice and recommendations and report to the EPA Administrator through the Office of Administration and Resources Management (OARM).

6. Agency Responsible for Providing the Necessary Support:

EPA will be responsible for financial and administrative support. Within EPA, this support will be provided by the OARM.

7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Work Years:

The estimated annual operating cost of the NACEPT Council and its subcommittees is $350,000 which includes 1.8 person-years of support.

8. Designated Federal Officer:

A full-time or permanent part-time employee of EPA will be appointed as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO). The DFO or a designee will be present at all meetings of the advisory committee and subcommittees. Each meeting will be conducted in accordance with an agenda approved in advance by the DFO. The DFO is authorized to adjourn any meeting when he or she determines it is in the public interest to do so, and will chair meetings when directed to do so by the official to whom the committee reports.

9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings:

NACEPT expects to meet approximately two (2) to three (3) times a year. Meetings may occur approximately once every four (4) months or as needed and approved by the DFO. EPA may pay travel and per diem expenses when determined necessary and appropriate.

As required by FACA, the NACEPT will hold open meetings unless the EPA Administrator determines that a meeting or a portion of a meeting may be closed to the public in accordance

with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c). Interested persons may attend meetings, appear before the committee as time permits, and provide oral/written comments to the Council.

10. Duration and Termination:

NACEPT will be examined annually and will exist until the EPA determines the committee is no longer needed. This charter will be in effect for two years from the date it is filed with Congress. After the initial two-year period, the charter may be renewed as authorized in accordance with Section 14 of FACA.

11. Member Composition:

The NACEPT Council will be composed of approximately twenty-five (25) to thirty (30) members who will serve as Representative members of non-federal interests, Regular Government Employees (RGEs), or Special Government Employees (SGEs). Representative members are selected to represent the points of view held by organizations, associations, or classes of individuals. In selecting members, EPA will consider candidates from federal, state, local and tribal governments, the finance, banking, and legal communities, business and industry, professional and trade associations, environmental advocacy groups, national and local environmental non-profit groups, including public interest groups, and academic institutions.

12. Subgroups:

EPA, or NACEPT with EPA approval, may form NACEPT subcommittees or workgroups for any purpose consistent with this charter. Such subcommittees or workgroups may not work independently of the chartered committee and must report their recommendations and advice to the chartered NACEPT for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees or workgroups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered committee nor can they report directly to the Agency.

13. Recordkeeping:

The records of the committee, formally and informally established subcommittees, or other subgroups of the committee, will be handled in accordance with NARA General Records Schedule 6.2 and EPA Records Schedule 1024 or other approved agency records disposition schedule. Subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, these records will be available for public inspection and copying, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

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