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FEDERAL COMMITTEE ON PEST CONTROL

CHARTER

A. ESTABLISHMENT:

The functions and procedures of the Federal Committee on Pest Control were published in the Federal Register on September 15, 1964. Like the Federal Pest Control review Board before it, the Committee was established through the joint action of the Secretaries of ~~DEFENSE~~ ^{AGRICULTURE}, Interior, Defense, and Health, Education, and Welfare. The Committee objectives and procedures are hereby realigned in this revision of the Charter.

Germane to the establishment of the Federal Committee on Pest Control was recognition of the need for balance between man and his environment that will be consistent with his total aesthetic and economic necessities and his social values.

The Committee was established in recognition of the fact that the Federal Government both recommends and participates in pest control, regulatory, research, and information programs involving pesticides.

Proper usage of pesticide chemicals to destroy unwanted pests and disease organisms as they affect man, animals, and plants has an enormous potential for the public good. There must, at the same time, be a recognition that chemicals which will kill or control pests are, in many cases, capable of causing harm. It is therefore essential that any contemplated use of a pesticide chemical be first evaluated as to the good that its use is expected to achieve, the harm which may result, the precautions which should be taken to minimize harmful

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effects, and a decision made as to whether any risk that may be involved is warranted in the light of the benefits contemplated.

D. PURPOSE:

This Committee is the primary coordinating mechanism for all Federal activities in the general field of pesticides, and pests and their control, ~~with the exception of regulatory functions.~~ The activities coordinated by this Committee include such things as the review of pest control programs in various parts of the world in which there is active participation on the part of the Federal Government either in funding or in supervision; research on pests and their control and effects of control procedures whether by chemical or other methods; monitoring of the environment for pesticides and their residues; public information on pest control and the use of pesticides; and evaluation of economic and social values and risks involved in the control of pests by various methods.

The Committee shall advise the appropriate Departments and agencies of government concerning matters of interest to more than one Department. This advice shall be offered in the light of the total interests of the citizens of this country and must take account of activities by other agencies and individuals. In no case, however, will the advice of this Committee supersede the responsibility of each Department and agency to carry out the functions assigned to it by legislative and executive mandates.

The Committee will encourage exchange of information among International, Federal, and State agencies and, in the case of Federal multi-departmental effort, will review recommendations that may result.

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6. PROCEDURES:

1. Review of programs

(a) The Committee may request any Federal agency to submit for review a detailed description of its proposed and current pest control programs, and monitoring, research, education and other programs pertaining to pest control.

(b) The Committee will identify those portions of such programs which have some interaction with activities or interests of other Departments.

(c) The Committee will review such portions of programs from the standpoint of effectiveness, economic impact, and of hazards to human health, to livestock and crops, to fish or wildlife, and other elements of the environment.

(d) Based upon such review the Committee shall recommend to the heads of the Departments or agencies concerned, such modifications in the programs as the Committee feels will best serve the public interest.

2. Intergovernmental Cooperation

(a) The Committee shall promote or encourage review of both Federal and non-Federal programs by State and local groups representing a broad spectrum of interests and responsibilities.

(b) The Committee may communicate with such State and local groups to receive their recommendations, and make recommendations to concerning them, either directly or through member Departments, whichever seems most expeditious and effective.

Subject to foreign policy guidelines from the Department of State,
(c) The Committee may participate in joint activities with foreign or international groups having similar interests and will

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coordinate these activities among Federal and State agencies. Formal recommendations arising from such joint activities may be directed by the JCRC to any concerned Federal Department or agency, ^{Such formal recommendations} but shall not be transmitted directly to any foreign government or international agency.

3. Stimulation of new activities

(a) Whenever the Committee feels that the public interest will be served by the initiation of a new activity such as inter-departmental participation in integrating a variety of control methods or analyzing jointly the effects of such integrated control on all aspects of the environment, the Committee may recommend appropriate action to the heads of the concerned Departments or agencies and representatives of States.

4. Mechanisms available to the Committee

(a) The Committee may establish subcommittees, ad hoc work groups, or panels of specialists to assist in discharging the Committee's responsibilities. Membership on such subcommittees, etc., need not be limited to representatives of Federal Departments.

(b) The Committee may request Departments or agencies to provide special services, consultation, staff, facilities, publications, conferences, etc., as may facilitate the work of the Committee. Expenditure of appropriated funds for such activities of the Committee must be within the authority and area of responsibility of the contributing Department or agency and must remain within their individual fiscal control, even though the technical supervision may be provided by the Committee.

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D. MEMBERSHIP:

Membership on the Committee is by appointment of two members by letter to the Chairman from the Secretaries of the primary pesticide-
DEFENSE, Interior, Agriculture, and Health, Education, and Welfare
user Departments: ~~ARMY, NAVY, and AEC~~. A liaison representative may be similarly appointed by other government agencies having an interest in interdepartmental, national, or international pest control and related problems. The Council of State Governments may also designate a representative to the Committee.

E. OFFICERS AND STAFF:

1. The Officers of the Committee shall be:

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Full-time Executive Secretary and professional staff as required.

(a) The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be elected by the Committee from among its members. The Executive Secretary will be appointed by ESW from nominations submitted by the FURC.

(b) The Chairman will be elected for a 1-year term (to be ineligible for more than one additional successive term) and his successor will be elected from a different Department.

(c) The Vice Chairman will also be elected for a 1-year term but from a different Department than the Chairman, *(to be ineligible for more than one additional successive term)*.

2. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preside at all meetings and assure compliance with the Charter of the Committee. He shall call meetings of the Committee when he deems it necessary or upon request of any member Department. The Chairman shall exercise leadership in seeking timely resolutions of interagency differences on items of concern to the Committee.

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3. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman will perform the functions of the Chairman. In the absence of both, the Chairman will furnish the Executive Secretary with the names of those individuals who can assume these duties.

4. By agreement of the signators, the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare will provide administrative support for the Executive Secretary and required professional and clerical staff. The Federal Committee on Pest Control will recommend staffing requirements and budgetary support to the Secretary of HEW consistent with workload requirements. The Secretariat will be responsible to the PCPC for functional and operational guidance.

5. The Executive Secretary will be responsible for:

(a) Preparation of agenda, notice of meetings, correspondence, subcommittee coordination, and representation of the Committee as requested by the Committee through the Chairman.

(b) Preparation and recommendation to the Committee of pertinent policies and plans to meet the Committee and subcommittee requirements and long-range objectives. To this end, the Executive Secretary may request the Chairman to appoint advisory planning work groups and ad hoc subcommittees as desired.

(c) Final review and consideration of publications or presentations authorized by the Committee through the Chairman.

(d) ^{Maintenance of} Maintaining sufficient records and accounts to provide an annual report of the Committee's activities for such distribution as recommended by the Committee and shall act as the Archivist of the Committee.

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7. MEETINGS:

1. Meetings shall be held at the call of the Chairman following coordination with members regarding time, place, and date.

2. Decisions of the Committee shall be made normally at regular meetings where there is an opportunity for discussion, and not by correspondence or telephone calls except in rare cases of urgency.

3. Minutes of meetings shall consist of a record of important discussions and decisions of the Committee but need not be a verbatim record. Minutes shall be distributed to members and alternates.

8. QUORUM:

A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum authorized to transact any business duly presented at any meeting of the Committee.

APPROVED:

Robert S. McNamara
Secretary of Defense
Date:

Stewart L. Udall
Secretary of Interior
Date:

Orville L. Freeman
Secretary of Agriculture
Date:

Robert John W. Gardner
Secretary of Health, Education
and Welfare
Date: