DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
[Docket No. OSHA–2016–0006]

Whistleblower Protection Advisory Committee (WPAC) Charter Renewal

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Announcement of WPAC charter renewal.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), and after consultation with the General Services Administration, the Secretary of Labor is renewing the charter for the Whistleblower Protection Advisory Committee (WPAC or the Committee). The Committee will better enable OSHA to perform its duties under the Occupational Safety and Health Act (the OSH Act) of 1970, and help to improve the fairness, efficiency, and transparency of OSHA’s whistleblower investigations.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: WPAC operates in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2), its implementing regulations (41 CFR part 102–3), and OSHA’s regulations on advisory committees (29 CFR part 1912). Pursuant to Section 14 of FACA, WPAC’s charter must be renewed every two years. WPAC’s duties are solely advisory and consultative. WPAC advises, consults with, and makes recommendations to the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary on matters relating to whistleblower complaints filed under the whistleblower statutes that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) enforces. The Committee is diverse and balanced, both in terms of categories of stakeholders (e.g., subject matter experts, labor, management, and state plans), and in the views and interests represented by the members.


Authority and Signature


Signed at Washington, DC, on April 19, 2016.

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