

Committee on Levee Safety – Tribal Representation
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Authority

The Committee on Levee Safety (Committee) is established concurrent with the authority and requirements of Section 3302, National Levee Safety Program, in 33 U.S.C. Chapter 46.

Purpose

The purpose of the Committee will be to provide advice to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on a broad range of issues, topics, or alternatives as determined to be needed by both agencies in conjunction with the development of the National Levee Safety Program, a joint effort being led by both agencies. The following are the anticipated duties of the Committee.

- 1) Provide feedback on broader stakeholder engagement approaches including identification of stakeholders and networks to be included.
- 2) Publicize opportunities to participate in formal and informal stakeholder engagement activities.
- 3) Strive to provide consensus advice on program and product scope, assumptions, criteria, and content for key deliverables.
- 4) Provide feedback on approaches and materials to communicate program objectives and benefits to potential beneficiaries.
- 5) Help identify and avoid implementation challenges that can be worked into the design of a program or implementation approach.

Membership

The Committee will be composed of two non-voting members (representing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Federal Emergency Management Agency) and 14 voting members (8 state levee safety agency representatives; 2 private sector representatives; 2 local or regional governmental agency representatives; and **2 Tribal representatives**).

Desired Expertise and Experience for Tribal Representatives

Tribal representatives are defined as a member or direct employee of a federally recognized tribe or person identified by a federally recognized tribe to represent them. Tribal representatives should have knowledge and awareness of tribal interests or concerns related to lands or resources that may be impacted by levees. Additional specialized factors that may be considered for all applicants include years of experience; professional registrations or certifications; level of education, specialized education; leadership experience; membership and activity in professional organizations; membership on expert panels or committees; training/professor/instructor experience; primary or contributing author of technical papers, publications, or significant reports; and additional applicable experience.

Application Requirements for Tribal Representatives

The following information will need to be submitted: contact information; proof of employment with the tribe or tribal membership or official letter from the federally recognized tribe stating that you are representing them; statement of qualification; statement of participation; written statement of experience with collaboration; statement of acknowledgement of participation on the Committee.

Compensation

Each member of the Committee who is not an officer or employee of the United States shall receive a stipend of \$100 per business day to participate in full Committee meetings that are formally convened by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Federal Emergency Management Agency and in coordination with the Committee Chairperson. Meeting durations must be a minimum of one full business day or more, not including travel time, to receive the stipend.

In addition, non-federal members shall be allowed a per diem allowance at reimbursable expenses while away from the home or regular place of business of the member in performance of services for the Committee for meetings convened by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Federal Emergency Management Agency in coordination with the Chairperson.

Formal Announcement for Applications

Additional details about the Committee on Levee Safety, including the formal announcement for applications to serve on the Committee **will be advertised** in the Federal Register (www.federalregister.gov/) **around mid-January 2022**. Applications will need to be submitted **no later than 60 days** from the time the notice is posted in the Federal Register. Questions about tribal representation on the Committee can be sent to hq-leveesafety@usace.army.mil.