§ 1430.6  Renewal of advisory committees.

(a) Renewal of advisory committees not created pursuant to specific statutory authority.
   (1) The Director may renew an advisory committee not created pursuant to specific statutory authority after consultation with the secretariat.
   (2) When the Director determines that such an advisory committee should be renewed, he shall so advise the secretariat within 60 days prior to the committee’s termination date and shall state the reasons for his determination.
   (3) Upon concurrence of the secretariat, the Director shall publish notice of the renewal in the Federal Register and cause a new charter to be prepared and filed in accordance with the provisions of § 1430.3.

(b) Renewal of advisory committees established pursuant to specific statutory authority. The Director may renew advisory committees established pursuant to specific statutory authority through the filing of a new charter at appropriate 2-year intervals.

(c) No advisory committee shall take any action or conduct any business during the period of time between its termination date and the filing of its renewal charter.

§ 1430.7  Application of the Freedom of Information Act to advisory committee functions.

(a) Subject to 5 U.S.C. 552, the records, reports, transcripts, minutes, appendices, working papers, drafts, studies, agenda, and other documents which are made available to or are prepared for or by an advisory committee shall be available to the public.

(b) Advisory committee meeting conducted in accordance with § 1430.7 may be closed to the public when discussing a matter that is of a 5 U.S.C. 552(b) nature, whether or not the discussion centers on a written document.

(c) No record, report, or other document prepared for or by an advisory committee may be withheld from the public unless the Office of the General Counsel determines that the document is properly within the exemptions of 5 U.S.C. 552(b). No committee meeting, or portion thereof, may be closed to the public unless the Office of the General Counsel determines in writing, prior to publication of the meeting in the Federal Register that such a closing is within the exemptions of 5 U.S.C. 552(b).

§ 1430.8  Advisory committee meetings.

(a) Initiation of meetings. (1) Committee meetings may be called by:
   (i) The Director or the head of the office most directly concerned with the committee’s activities;
   (ii) The agency officer referred to in paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this section, and the committee chairman, jointly; or
   (iii) The committee chairman, with the advance approval of the officer referred to in paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this section.

(2) The Service’s committee management officer shall be promptly informed that a meeting has been called.

(b) Agenda. Committee meetings shall be based on agenda approved by the officer referred to in paragraph (a)(1) of this section. Such agenda shall note those items which may involve matters which have been determined by the Office of the General Counsel as coming within the exemptions to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b).

(c) Notice of meetings. (1) Notice of advisory committee meetings shall be published in the Federal Register at least 7 days before the date of the meeting, irrespective of whether a particular meeting will be open to the public. Notice to interested persons shall also be provided in such other reasonable ways as are appropriate under the circumstances, such as press release or letter. Responsibility for preparation of Federal Register and other appropriate notice shall be with the officer referred to in paragraph (a)(1) of this section.