



Ohio Sunset Review Committee  
Agency Questionnaire

Agency Name Radiation Advisory Council (RAC)

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Agency's primary purpose and its various goals and objectives

In accordance with section 3748.20 of the Revised Code, the Governor, appoints the Radiation Advisory Council. The council consists of thirteen individuals representing various stakeholders such as the medical, dental, chiropractic, academic, industrial, and environmental communities.

The purpose of the council is to advise and consult with the Director of the Ohio Department of Health on radiation protection issues in Ohio. The council also provides advice and counsel to the Director of Health in the development of rules pertaining to radiation protection issues and the development of inspection criteria, procedures, and guidelines to be used in the radiation control program.

Important objectives of the council include utilizing existing national standards where available and soliciting input from the public and the regulated community to ensure that radiation protection regulations are adequate and up-to-date.

Agency's past and anticipated workload, number of staff required to complete workload, and total number of staff

The council holds four quarterly public meetings each year. The council has established two committees to focus on specific components of Ohio's radiation control program. One committee is focused on radioactive material issues and the other is focused on radiation-generating equipment issues. The chairs of the committees are council members and are appointed by the council chairperson. The committee members are appointed by the council chairperson and approved by the Director of Health.

ODH provides liaisons to each of the council committees and provides administrative support necessary to execute its duties. None of the ODH staff are dedicated solely to this activity.

Agency's past and anticipated budgets and its sources of funding

The Radiation Advisory Council is funded through license and registration fees charged to radioactive material licensees and radiation-generating equipment registrants.

Members of the council receive a per diem compensation in an amount approved by the Director of Health and also are reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties. Members of the council committees are reimbursed for their actual expenses.

Per diem compensation for council members in fiscal year 2024 totaled \$6,855.64 (Funding lines DOH35Q24 and DOH42Q24).

Number of members of its governing board or other governing entity and their compensation, if any

The members of the council are established under ORC Section 3748.20 and include thirteen members who are appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The council consists of one individual who has recognized ability and credentials in the field of medical radiation physics, one individual who has recognized ability and credentials in the field of health physics, one individual holding the degree of doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy and licensed to practice medicine or surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery, as applicable, under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code who has recognized ability and credentials in the practice of radiology, one individual who is licensed to practice dentistry under Chapter 4715. of the Revised Code, one individual holding the degree of doctor of medicine and licensed to practice medicine or surgery under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code who has recognized ability and credentials in the field of nuclear medicine, one individual who has recognized ability and credentials in the field of public health or environmental science, one individual licensed as a podiatrist under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code, one individual licensed as a chiropractor under Chapter 4734. of the Revised Code, one individual who is a qualified radiation safety officer or radiation protection manager from a facility in this state that is licensed for the use of radiation materials, one individual who has recognized ability and credentials in the field of radon measurement, mitigation, or health risk management, one individual who is a member of a statewide consumer or environmental advocacy organization, one individual representing the public, one individual who has recognized ability and experience in the administration and enforcement of federal radiation protection regulations.

Compensation for council activities in fiscal year 2024 totaled \$6,855.64.

#### Additional notes

The council serves as an influential and active body in advising the Director of Health on key radiological issues facing the ODH. Significant technical input is provided to ODH's radiation control program on all rule making actions proposed by the ODH. Since the council members represent key stakeholder groups for radiological issues, the radiation control program receives crucial input from stakeholders from the council. This input ensures that proposed rule making serves to protect workers, the general public, and the environment without unduly burdening businesses. There is also a public participation process whereby all proposed rules or changes in rules are posted on the ODH website for public comment.

Since ODH assumed regulatory authority for most uses of radioactive material from the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in August 1999 the council has provided crucial support to ODH. This support includes rule making to keep Ohio Administrative Code rules compatible with federal regulations and providing technical advice when needed. The council has played a significant role in ODH being recognized by the NRC as having one of the leading radioactive material regulatory agencies in the United States.

In the past year the council and its committees has provided input and guidance to the radiation control program on important issues and rule-making such as radiation standards, radiation generating equipment therapy treatments, medical use of radioactive material, and security of radioactive material. Upcoming issues facing the radiation control program and the council include licensing of special nuclear material, licensing of radioactive material used in new and emerging medical treatments and technologies, and new developments in the field of micro-reactors.