

CHARTER  
(Amendment of August, 2001)  
GEOLOGICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
FOR THE  
NORTH CAROLINA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

DIVISION OF LAND RESOURCES  
N. C. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Governor, I hereby amend the December, 1992 Charter of the Geological Advisory Committee for the North Carolina Geological Survey, a section of the Division of Land Resources in this department. This amended Charter revises the Committee's responsibilities and its membership criteria, and adds state and Federal agency representatives as observers and advisors.

This Committee shall be an advisory organization to the State Geologist, who is responsible for the North Carolina Geological Survey, and to the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

I. Responsibilities

1. The Committee shall review, not less than twice annually, the current and planned activities of the North Carolina Geological Survey (NCGS). The Committee shall provide comments and recommendations on the mission, goals, objectives and projects of the NCGS as presented by the State Geologist and his/her staff. The State Geologist may designate a Deputy or Assistant State Geologist or other senior staff to serve as his/her alternate at committee meetings.
2. The Committee shall serve as North Carolina's Geological Mapping Advisory Committee as required by the National Geological Mapping Act (PL102-285), to coordinate the state's geologic mapping priorities in its request for Federal funds.
3. Through the State Geologist or his/her designee, the Committee shall represent the interests of the geological community in cooperative local, state, and Federal efforts to develop digital geographic information systems and to provide topographic maps and aerial photography for the citizens of North Carolina. The interests of the Committee shall be conveyed to the Governor's Geographic Information Coordinating Council

through its State Mapping Advisory Committee by the State Geologist, an ex officio member of that committee.

4. In cooperation with the Secretary and the State Geologist the committee may assume other responsibilities and projects that will support improved knowledge of the state's geology and mineral resources, and wise application of that knowledge to meet the citizens' needs.

## II. Composition and Organization

1. All members of the Committee shall be residents of the State of North Carolina.
2. The Committee shall include

Twelve (12) voluntary members from the private sector invited by the State Geologist in consultation with the Secretary and, where applicable, the leadership of the interest groups those members represent, as follows:

- a. Academia and Education (two representatives) – a geoscientist from a North Carolina college or university, and a representative from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction or the North Carolina Science Teachers Association who specializes in public school earth science curriculum development or is experienced in teaching earth sciences or earth/environmental sciences in the public schools.
- b. Mining Industry (two representatives) - the Executive Directors or geologist or mining engineer designees of two industry associations, including but not limited to the North Carolina Mining Association and the North Carolina Aggregates Association.
- c. Conservation Interests (one representative) – A representative having experience/expertise in the field of land conservation/open space protection.
- d. Consultant (one representative) – a representative from a private consulting company, or an individual private consultant, practicing geology or engineering in environmental management, geologic resource evaluation, or engineering geology.

- e. Professional Geological Societies (two representatives) – the Presidents or designees of two professional geological societies, including but not limited to the North Carolina Chapter of the Association of Groundwater Professionals, the American Institute of Professional Geologists, and the Association of Engineering Geologists, and the Society of Mining Engineers.
  - f. Professional Planning Organizations (one representative) – the President or designee of the North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association, who shall also be a member of the Contingency Planners Association of the Carolinas.
  - g. Local Government Associations (two representatives) – the Executive Directors or designees of the North Carolina League of Municipalities and the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.
  - h. Historical Representative (one representative) – a former State Geologist or other retiree of the North Carolina Geological Survey.
3. The terms of the members shall be four years. Individual members shall not serve more than three full terms without interruption.
  4. The Committee shall elect a Chairman and Vice-chairman from its members.
  5. The State Geologist and his/her staff shall provide administrative support to the Committee.
  6. Unless the Division of Land Resources is specifically authorized by the Secretary to cover expenses, the Committee members or their organizations shall bear their expenses related to time and travel costs on behalf of the Committee.
  7. Representatives from state agencies having close interests and relationships with the NCGS shall be invited to serve as observers and advisors to the committee, and shall include, but not be limited to:  
  
The Geotechnical Unit Head of the Department of Transportation, the Chief of the Groundwater Section of the Division of Water Quality, the Head of the Groundwater Branch of the Division of Water Resources, the Chief of the Mitigation Section of the

Division of Emergency Management, the Director of the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, the Executive Director of the Clean Water Management Trust Fund, a representative from the Office of the State Epidemiologist, and a representative from the Division of Radiation Protection. Any of these named representatives may designate alternates to the Committee.

8. Representatives from Federal agencies that conduct geologically related investigations in North Carolina shall be invited to serve as observers and advisors to the Committee. The Federal representatives shall include, but not be limited to, designees from the U.S. Geological Survey, the National Park Service, the U. S. Forest Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

### III. Reporting

The Committee shall provide to the Secretary through State Geologist an annual report, to be filed in the final quarter of each calendar year, to include the Committee's activities and recommendations.

### IV. Adoption

This amended Charter is hereby adopted this 28 day of August, 2001 by the undersigned.

s/ William G. Ross, Jr.

Secretary, N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources