

### **Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) Charge**

The Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2 supports the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in providing independent, policy-oriented advisory committee. The LGAC provides advice and recommendations to the EPA to assist the agency in ensuring that its regulations, policies, guidance, and technical assistance improve the capacity of local governments to carry-out these programs and to enhance its partnership on cooperative federalism.

### **Description of Duties:**

The LGAC provides independent policy advice to the EPA Administrator on:

- a. Changes needed to allow flexibility and innovation and to accommodate local needs without compromising environmental performance, accountability, or fairness;
- b. Ways to improve performance measurement and speed dissemination of new environmental protection techniques and technologies among local governments;
- c. Ways in which the EPA and states can help local governments strengthen their capacity to promote environmental quality, including public access, community right-to-know, and performance measurement;
- d. Projects to help local governments deal with the challenge of financing environmental protection infrastructure; and,
- e. EPA's policies, procedures, and practices regarding local government (development, implementation, and evaluation) including how those policies, procedures and practices further the Administrator's priorities regarding cooperative federalism, water and water infrastructure, regulatory innovation, energy, air quality, and community revitalization, among others.

### **Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports:**

The LGAC submits advice, recommendations, and reports to the EPA Administrator, through the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations (OCIR).