



## The Under Secretary for Science

Washington, DC 20585

March 26, 2026

Dr. Persis Drell  
Chair  
Office of Science Advisory Committee

Dear Dr. Drell:

The Office of Science (SC) in the Department of Energy (DOE) is the nation's largest federal sponsor of fundamental research in the physical sciences, aiming to deliver scientific discoveries and major tools to advance United States' (U.S.) energy, economic, and national security.

The Office of Science Advisory Committee (SCAC) was established by the DOE to provide advice and recommendations on scientific, technical, and programmatic issues relating to the successful execution of the SC mission. The SCAC will advise the Under Secretary for Science and the Director, Office of Science, on various aspects of the SC portfolio and mission. The SCAC will be expected to represent the viewpoints of the U.S. research community.

The SCAC will:

- Provide periodic, independent reviews of the SC-funded program elements and provide recommendations based on those assessments for more effective mission execution and mission readiness.
- Engage and evaluate input from stakeholder communities, as appropriate, in reviews and assessments.
- Provide advice on plans, priorities, and strategies for SC, its program elements, and the appropriate balance among those elements.
- Provide advice on national policy and scientific issues related to SC and its programmatic elements, as requested by the Secretary of Energy, the Under Secretary for Science, or the Director of the Office of Science.

To facilitate its work, the SCAC will establish subcommittees in areas of particular strategic focus for the Department. Additional experts will be invited to join the subcommittees as appropriate.

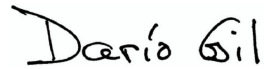
We will provide a charge to the chair to establish a subcommittee of the SCAC to review a summary of proposed facilities and upgrades, identify any gaps, and then prioritize the new or upgraded facilities that are most crucial to the needs of the nation for the next ten years (2026-2036).

In addition to assessing proposed facilities, there are two topics that represent rapidly developing areas of science that are of high importance across all SC programs and facilities now and into the future. To address these topics, we will provide the chair with two additional charges to establish a subcommittee on the Genesis Mission and a subcommittee on quantum

information science and technology. These two subcommittees will help define the goals and execution strategies in each of these important areas, and they will be instrumental in providing input to the facilities prioritization subcommittee to ensure a coherent and integrated roadmap that supports these rapidly developing areas of science.

The work of these subcommittees will be described in specific charges issued by the DOE. Their work will provide valuable input to the SCAC and DOE.

Sincerely,

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Darío Gil  
Under Secretary for Science

Enclosure:  
SCAC Charter