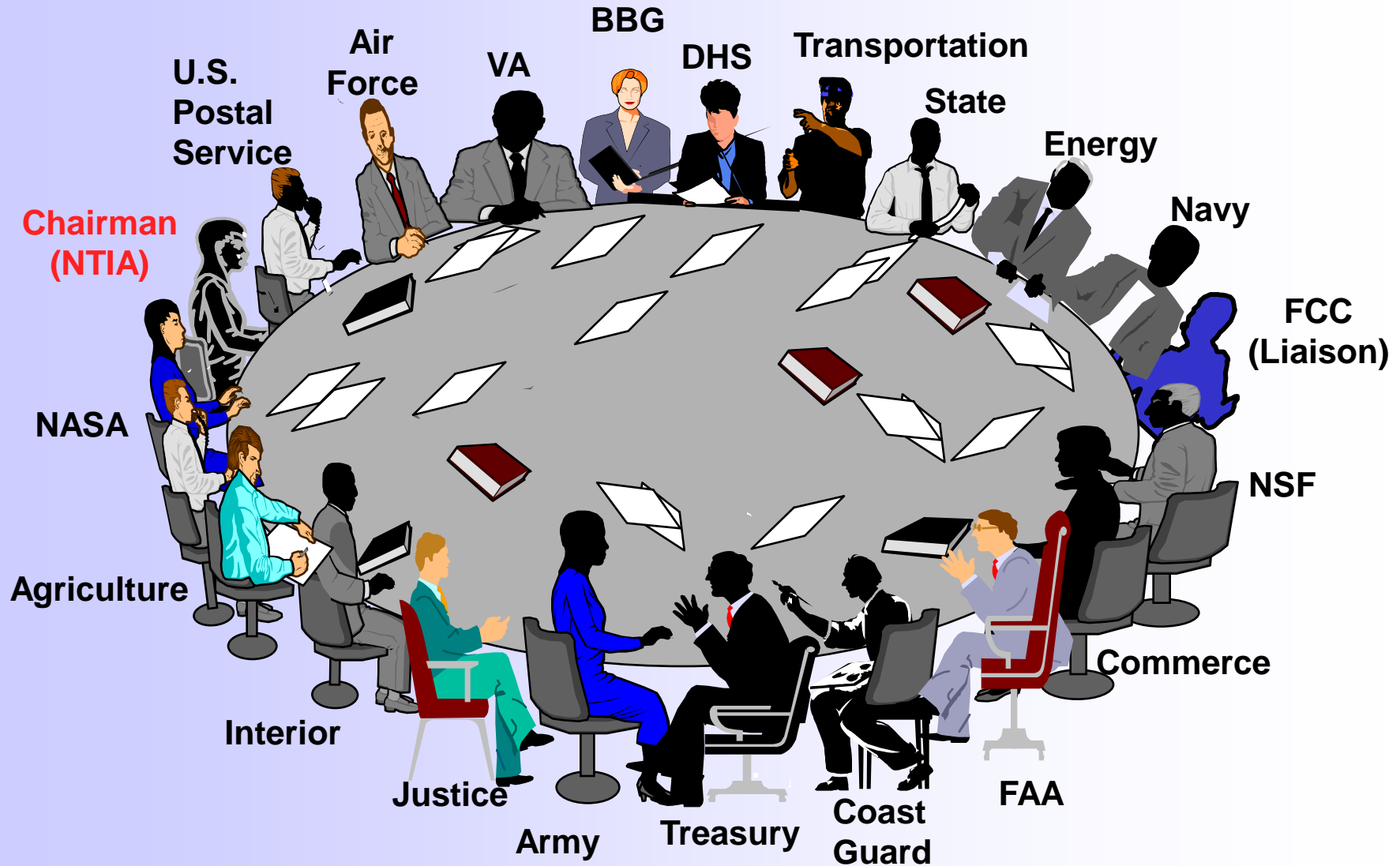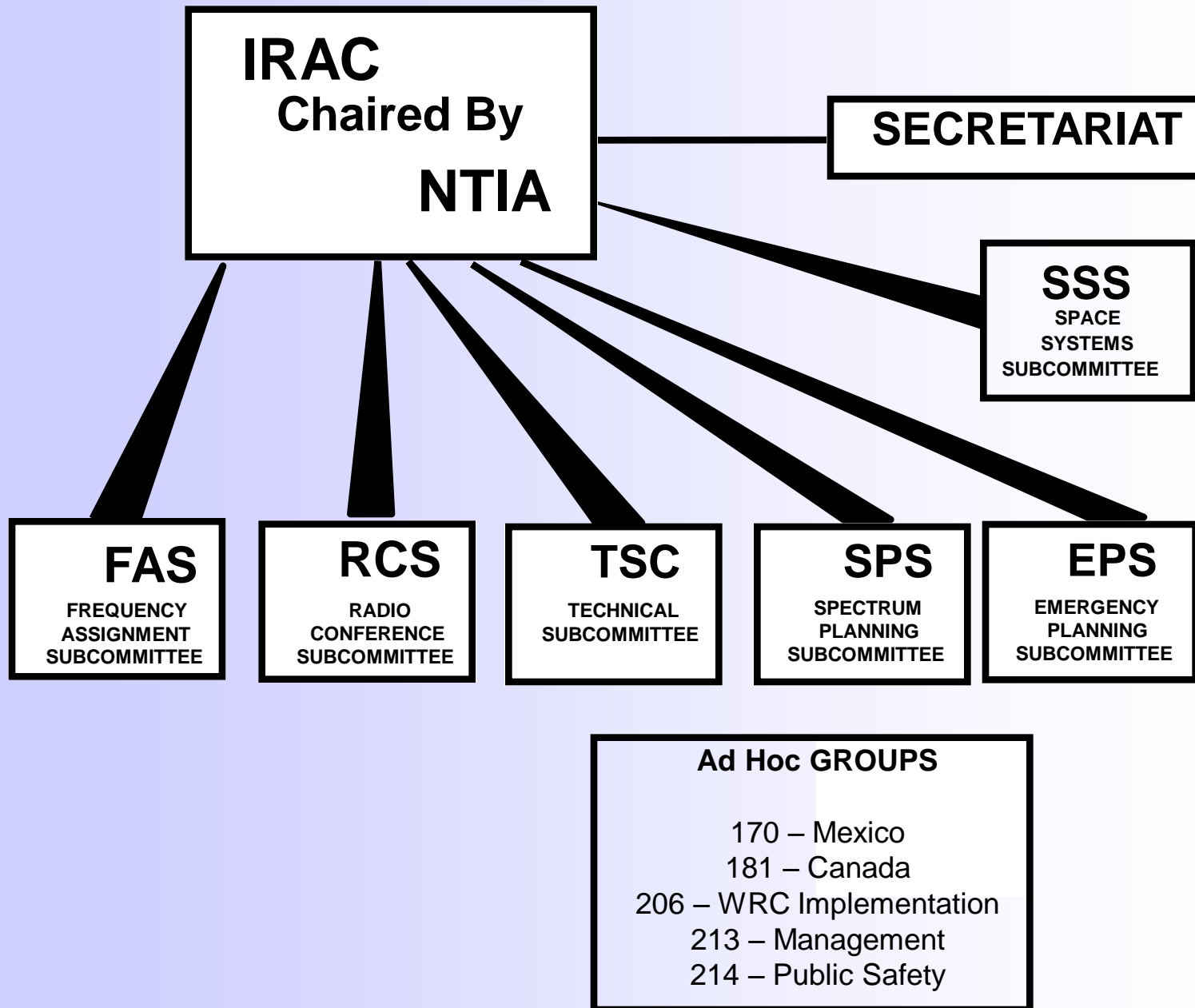# The Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee (IRAC)

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- **What is the IRAC?**

- **What are its primary components?**

- **How does the IRAC operate?**

Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee

The *IRAC* – **How it works…**

- **IRAC is an _ADVISORY_ committee that provides to NTIA the views of the federal agency spectrum managers**

- **Existed since 1922**

- **Work is considered executive branch pre-decisional and not releasable**

- **IRAC Subcommittees – general areas**

- **Ad Hoc groups – individual topics**

- **A collegial body - almost all work by consensus**

- **Experienced spectrum management professionals**

IRAC STRUCTURE

- **Main Committee** **– policy and committee management**
- **Frequency Assignment Subcommittee (FAS)** **– coordination of assignments** (Tom Woods twoods@ntia.doc.gov 482-2802)
- **Spectrum Planning Subcommittee (SPS)** **– review of new federal systems** (Steve Butcher sbutcher@ntia.doc.gov 482-4163)
- **Space Systems Subcommittee (SSS)** **– satellite coordination** (Scott Kotler@ntia.doc.gov 482-7983)
- **Emergency Planning Subcommittee (EPS)** **– emergency planning and readiness** (Steve Veader sveader@ntia.doc.gov 482-4417)
- **Technical Subcommittee (TSC)** **– standards** (Ed Drocella edrocella@ntia.doc.gov 482-2068)
- **Radio Conference Subcommittee (RCS)** **– WRC preparation** (Darlene Drazenovich ddrazenovich@ntia.doc.gov 482-3480)
- **Ad Hoc Groups**
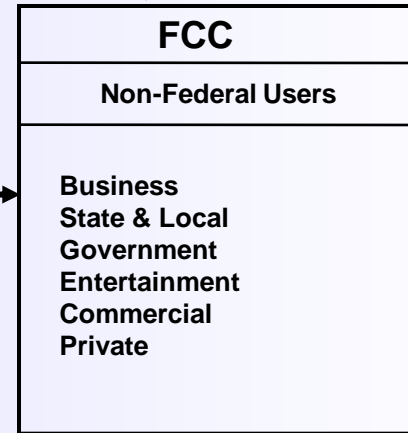
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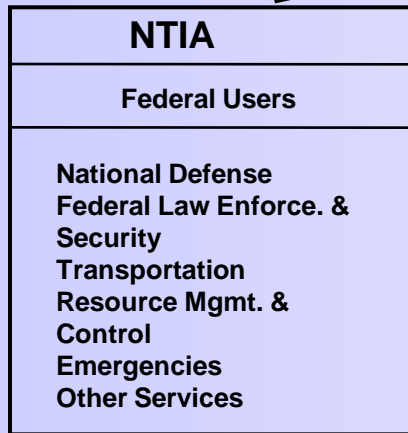
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INTERDEPARTMENT RADIO ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chaired by NTIA
19 Federal Agencies Represented

NTIA/FCC MOU

- **A/S and FCC Chairman to meet**

- **NTIA/OSM and FCC Office of Engineering & Technology meet**

- **15 day turnaround to comment on each other's actions**

- **No veto authority over each other's decisions**

IRAC (MAIN COMMITTEE) ACTIVITY

- **Most activity has been in response to FCC actions**
  - **Rulemakings**
  - **Petitions for rule changes or waivers**

- **Allocations resulting from WRCs**

- **Changes to the NTIA Manual**
  - **Process**
  - **Policies**

FCC/NTIA Administrative Procedures Document & Input Flow

Public Comments (~60-120days) & Reply Comments (~30 days)

Public

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Other Agencies

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