§ 24.9 Removal from the Service.

(a) A member of the Service may be subject to disciplinary action, including removal from the Service, for substandard performance of duty as a member of the service, for misconduct, for reasons of national security or for other reasons as determined by the Secretary.

(b) A member for whom disciplinary action is proposed is entitled to:

(1) Written notice of the proposed action and the basis therefor;

(2) A reasonable opportunity to answer the notice of proposed action both orally and in writing;

(3) The right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in making such answer; and

(4) A written decision on the proposal.

(c) The decision may be made by an official with delegated authority to take such action, but in no case may the official be at a level below the head of the Operating Division where the member is assigned.

(d) A member who is separated from the Service involuntarily and without cause and who, immediately prior to his appointment to the Service, was a career appointee in the civil service or the Senior Executive Service, may be

§ 24.8 Applicability of provisions of Title 5, U.S. Code.

(a) Appointments to the Service shall be made without regard to the provisions of title 5, U.S. Code regarding appointments.

(b) Members of the Service shall not be covered by the following provisions of title 5, U.S. Code:

(1) Subchapter I of Chapter 35 (relating to retention preference in the event of reduction in force);

(2) Chapter 43, Performance Appraisal (and performance-based actions);

(3) Chapter 51 (relating to classification);

(4) Subchapter III of Chapter 53, The General Schedule; and

(5) Chapter 75, Adverse Actions.

(c) Other provisions of Title 5 will be applied as administratively determined by the Secretary or his/her designee.

§ 24.7 Performance appraisal system.

The members of the Service shall be subject to a performance appraisal system which shall be designed to encourage excellence in performance and shall provide for a periodic and systematic appraisal of the performance of the members.