

Fact-Sheet-on-Presidential-Memorandum-on-Scientific-Integrity/.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding this Notice, please contact scientificintegrity@ostp.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In his March 9, 2009 memorandum on Scientific Integrity, the President states that “science and the scientific process must inform and guide decisions of my Administration on a wide range of issues” and assigns the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (the Director) responsibility for ensuring scientific integrity throughout the executive branch. To this end, the memorandum requires the Director to submit within 120 days a set of recommendations for Presidential action to ensure scientific integrity. If possible, for each comment you submit, please note to which of the six principles below your comment relates. This will assist in properly categorizing the public comments and responding to the President’s memorandum on Scientific Integrity. The six principles from the memorandum are as follows:

(a) The selection and retention of candidates for science and technology positions in the executive branch should be based on the candidate’s knowledge, credentials, experience, and integrity;

(b) Each agency should have appropriate rules and procedures to ensure the integrity of the scientific process within the agency;

(c) When scientific or technological information is considered in policy decisions, the information should be subject to well-established scientific processes, including peer review where appropriate, and each agency should appropriately and accurately reflect that information in complying with and applying relevant statutory standards.

(d) Except for information that is properly restricted from disclosure under procedures established in accordance with statute, regulation, Executive Order, or Presidential Memorandum, each agency should make available to the public the scientific or technological findings or conclusions considered or relied on in policy decisions;

(e) Each agency should have in place procedures to identify and address instances in which the scientific process or the integrity of scientific and technological information may be compromised; and

(f) Each agency should adopt such additional procedures, including any appropriate whistleblower protections, as are necessary to ensure the integrity

of scientific and technological information and processes on which the agency relies in its decision-making or otherwise uses or prepares.

Comments from the public will help the OSTP determine what should be included in these recommendations. Respondents are invited to suggest: (1) Recommendations that would be responsive to the aims of the President, (2) specific implementing strategies, and (3) data and empirical evidence related to the effectiveness of strategies to promote scientific integrity. Comments submitted are encouraged to:

- Be as succinct as possible (1000 words or less recommended);
- Specify which of the prior six principles (a–f) are being addressed with each comment;
- Explain views and reasoning clearly; and
- Describe how the success of particular strategies might be evaluated or measured.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Act Manufacturing, Inc., Aerovox, Inc. (n/k/a New Bedford Capacitor, Inc.), Agility Capital, Inc., Air Water International Corp. (f/k/a Universal Communications Systems, Inc.), Allegiant Physician Services, Inc., and Alpha Microsystems, Inc. (n/k/a NQL, Inc.); Order of Suspension of Trading

April 21, 2009.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of Act Manufacturing, Inc. because it has not filed any periodic reports since the period ended September 30, 2001.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of Aerovox, Inc. (n/k/a New Bedford Capacitor, Inc.) because it has not filed any periodic reports since the period ended March 31, 2001.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of Agility Capital, Inc. because it has not filed any periodic reports since the period ended June 30, 2002.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of Air Water International Corp. (f/k/a Universal Communications Systems, Inc.) because it has not filed any periodic reports since the period ended June 30, 2006.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of Allegiant Physician Services, Inc. because it has not filed any periodic reports since the period ended June 30, 1996.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of Alpha Microsystems, Inc. (n/k/a NQL, Inc.) because it has not filed any periodic reports since the period ended September 30, 2001.

The Commission is of the opinion that the public interest and the protection of investors require a suspension of trading in the securities of the above-listed companies.

Therefore, it is ordered, pursuant to Section 12(k) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, that trading in the securities of the above-listed companies is suspended for the period from 9:30 a.m. EDT on April 21, 2009, through 11:59 p.m. EDT on May 4, 2009.

By the Commission.

Elizabeth M. Murphy,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by NYSE Amex LLC To Adopt a Policy Relating to Its Treatment of Trade Reports That It Determines To Be Inconsistent With the Prevailing Market

April 16, 2009.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that, on April 6, 2009, NYSE Amex LLC (“NYSE Amex” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.