

the basic class of controlled substance listed.

Dated: October 30, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

Importer of Controlled Substances; Notice of Registration

By Notice dated June 3, 2009, and published in the **Federal Register** on June 9, 2009, (74 FR 27347), Stepan Company, Natural Products Department, 100 W. Hunter Avenue, Maywood, New Jersey 07607, made application by renewal to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to be registered as an importer of Coca Leaves (9040), a basic class of controlled substance listed in schedule II.

The company plans to import the listed controlled substance for the manufacture of bulk controlled substance for distribution to its customers.

No comments or objections have been received. DEA has considered the factors in 21 U.S.C. 823(a) and 952(a) and determined that the registration of Stepan Company to import the basic class of controlled substance is consistent with the public interest and with United States obligations under international treaties, conventions, or protocols in effect on May 1, 1971, at this time. DEA has investigated Stepan Company to ensure that the company's registration is consistent with the public interest. The investigation has included inspection and testing of the company's physical security systems, verification of the company's compliance with state and local laws, and a review of the company's background and history. Therefore, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 952(a) and 958(a), and in accordance with 21 CFR 1301.34, the above named company is granted registration as an importer of the basic class of controlled substance listed.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Senior Executive Service; Appointment of Members to the Performance Review Board

Title 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4) provides that Notice of the Appointment of an individual to serve as a member of the Performance Review Board of the Senior Executive Service shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

The following individuals are hereby appointed to serve on the Department's Performance Review Board:

Permanent Membership

Chair—Deputy Secretary—Seth D. Harris.

Vice-Chair—Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management—T. Michael Kerr.

Executive Secretary—Director, Executive Resources & Personnel Security—Crystal Scott.

Rotating Membership

ASP Kathleen E. Franks, Director, Office of Regulatory and Programmatic Policy—*appointment expires on 09/30/12.*

EBSA Sharon S. Watson, Director, Office of Participant Assistance—*appointment expires on 9/30/12.*

ESA Rachel P. Leiton, Director, Energy Employees' Occupational Illness Compensation, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs—*appointment expires on 09/30/11.*

ESA Nancy M. Flynn, Deputy Director for Office of Workers' Compensation Programs—*appointment expires on 09/30/12.*

ESA Sandra S. Zeigler, Regional Director (Chicago), Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs—*appointment expires on 9/30/12.*

ETA Grace A. Kilbane, Administrator, Office of Workforce Investment—*appointment expires on 09/30/11.*

ILAB Marcia M. Eugenio, Director, Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor Human Trafficking—*appointment expires on 09/30/12.*

OASAM Maureen Walsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget and Performance Planning—*appointment expires on 09/30/12.*

OASAM Charlotte A. Hayes, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy—*appointment expires on 09/30/12.*

OASAM Milton A. Stewart, Director, Business Operations Center—*appointment expires on 09/30/12.*

OASAM Ramon Suris-Fernandez, Director, Civil Rights Center—*appointment expires on 09/30/11.*

OSEC Deborah Greenfield, Executive Secretary—*appointment expires on 9/30/12.*

OSHA Dean McDaniel, Regional Administrator, Dallas—*appointment expires on 09/30/12.*

SOL Katherine E. Bissell, Associate Solicitor for Civil Rights and Labor Management—*appointment expires on 09/30/11.*

SOL Jeffrey L. Nesvet, Associate Solicitor for Federal Employees' and Energy Workers' Compensation—*appointment expires on 09/30/10.*

VETS John M. McWilliam, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations and Management—*appointment expires on 9/30/10.*

VETS Ismael Ortiz, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary—*appointment expires on 9/30/12.*

For Further Information Contact: Ms. Crystal Scott, Director, Office of Executive Resources and Personnel Security, Room C5508, U.S. Department of Labor, Frances Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone: (202) 693-7628.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 29th day of October, 2009.

Hilda L. Solis,

Secretary of Labor.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Proposal Review Panel for Physics; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Proposal Review Panel for Physics, LIGO Site Visit in Louisiana (1208).

Date and Time:

Tuesday, December 1, 2009; 8 a.m.–6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2, 2009; 8 a.m.–6 p.m.

Thursday, December 3, 2009; 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Place: LIGO Observatory in Livingston, Louisiana.

Type of Meeting: Partially Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Thomas Carruthers, Program Director for LIGO, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292-7373.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide an evaluation concerning the proposal submitted to the National Science Foundation.

Agenda:

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Closed—8:30 a.m.–9 a.m. Executive Session; Open—9:15 a.m.–10:15 a.m. LIGO status, accomplishments, plans;

Closed—10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. Management topics and status of data; analysis;
 Open—1 p.m.–2:30 p.m. Tour and facilities maintenance;
 Closed—2:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m. Cybersecurity, EPO, LSC status and Executive Session.

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Closed—8:30 a.m.–12 p.m. Project overview and Project Management status;
 Closed—1:30 p.m.–6 p.m. Technical Progress, Development, R&D support.

Executive Session

Thursday, December 3, 2009

Closed—8:30 a.m.–12 p.m. Executive Session, report writing, Close Out report.

Reason for Closing: The proposal contains proprietary or confidential material including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: November 3, 2009.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2009-0485]

Draft Safety Culture Policy Statement: Request for Public Comments

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Issuance of draft safety culture policy statement and notice of opportunity for public comment.

DATES: Comments are requested 90 days from the date of this **Federal Register** Notice. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to assure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Please refer to the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for additional information including questions for which the NRC is requesting comment.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any one of the following methods. Please include Docket ID NRC-2009-0485 in the subject line of your comments. Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be posted on the NRC Web site and on the Federal rulemaking website Regulations.gov. Because your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information, the NRC cautions you against including any information in your submission that

you do not want to be publicly disclosed.

The NRC requests that any party soliciting or aggregating comments received from other persons for submission to the NRC inform those persons that the NRC will not edit their comments to remove any identifying or contact information, and therefore, they should not include any information in their comments that they do not want publicly disclosed.

Federal Rulemaking Web site: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for documents filed under Docket ID NRC-2009-0485. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher 301-492-3668; e-mail Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.

Mail comments to: Michael T. Lesar, Chief, Rulemaking and Directives Branch (RDB), Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by fax to RDB at (301) 492-3446.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alexander Sapountzis, Office of Enforcement, Mail Stop O-4 A15A, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by e-mail to Alexander.Sapountzis@nrc.gov.

SUMMARY: The NRC is issuing a draft policy statement that sets forth the Commission's expectation that all licensees and certificate holders¹ establish and maintain a positive safety culture that protects public health and safety and the common defense and security when carrying out licensed activities. The Commission defines safety culture as that assembly of characteristics, attitudes, and behaviors in organizations and individuals which establishes that as an overriding priority, nuclear safety and security issues² receive the attention warranted by their significance. The Commission also considers nuclear safety and security issues to be equally important in a positive safety culture. The importance of treating safety and security in an equal manner within

¹Throughout this document, the phrase "licensee and certificate holders" includes licensees, certificate holders, permit holders, authorization holders, holders of quality assurance program approvals and applicants for a license, certificate, permit, authorization, or quality assurance program approval.

²Throughout this document, the terms "safety" or "nuclear safety," "security" or "nuclear security," and "safety culture" are used. These terms refer to matters that are related to NRC-regulated activities, including radiation protection, safeguards, material control and accounting, physical protection, and emergency preparedness.

NRC's regulatory framework is clearly evident in our mission and strategic goals. Experience has shown that certain organizational characteristics and personnel attitudes and behaviors are present in a positive safety culture. These include, but are not limited to, individuals demonstrating ownership and personal responsibility for maintaining safety and security in their day-to-day work activities; the implementation of processes for planning and controlling work activities such that safety and security are maintained; a work environment in which personnel feel free to raise safety and security concerns without fear of retaliation; prompt and thorough identification, evaluation, and resolution of nuclear safety and security issues commensurate with their significance; the availability of the resources needed to ensure that safety and security are maintained; decision-making processes that protect safety and security; clearly defined roles and responsibilities for maintaining safety and security; and the seeking out and implementation of opportunities to improve safety and security. The NRC expects its licensees and certificate holders to foster these characteristics, attitudes, and behaviors in their organizations and among individuals who are overseeing or performing regulated activities commensurate with the safety and security significance of their activities and the nature and complexity of their organization and functions.

The NRC is requesting comments on the draft safety culture policy statement and associated questions.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

(1) Background

The Commission has long expressed its expectations for safety culture in previous policy statements. In 1989, the Commission published its "Policy Statement on the Conduct of Nuclear Power Plant Operations" (54 FR 3424; January 24, 1989) to make clear the Commission's expectations of utility management and licensed operators with respect to the conduct of operations. The policy statement stated, "the phrase safety culture refers to a very general matter, the personal dedication and accountability of all individuals engaged in any activity which has a bearing on the safety of nuclear power plants." The policy statement further stated that the Commission issued the policy statement to help foster the development and maintenance of a safety culture at every facility licensed by the NRC.