OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Request of the U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator for Public Comments: Legislative Review Related to Enforcement Against Economic Espionage and Trade Secret Theft


ACTION: Request for written submissions from the public.

SUMMARY: The theft of trade secrets from U.S. corporations can impact national security, undermine U.S. global competitiveness, diminish U.S. export prospects, and put American jobs at risk. Trade secrets play a crucial role in maintaining America’s global competitiveness. The Administration will continue to act vigorously to combat the theft of American trade secrets that could be used by foreign companies or foreign governments to gain an unfair commercial advantage over U.S. companies. We need to ensure that our laws are as effective as possible.

Therefore, the Administration is reviewing applicable Federal law related to enforcement against economic espionage and trade secret theft. This review is pursuant to the Administration Strategy on Mitigating the Theft of U.S. Trade Secrets issued on February 20, 2013. The strategy is available at: http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/IPEC/admin_strategy_on_mitigating_the_theft_of_u.s._trade_secrets.pdf http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/IPEC/admin_strategy_on_mitigating_the_theft_of_u.s._trade_secrets.pdf.

A related OMB blog post is available at: http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2013/02/19/launch-administration-s-strategy-mitigate-theft-us-trade-secrets.

And video of the rollout event is available at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vwgYahyQ754&feature=youtu.be.

In the strategy, the U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator (IPEC) committed to a review of existing laws related to the enforcement of trade secrets to determine if legislative changes are needed to enhance enforcement. IPEC invites public input and participation in shaping the Administration’s review. Specifically, we are requesting any recommendations for legislative changes that would enhance enforcement against, or reduce the risk of, the misappropriation of trade secrets for the benefit of foreign competitors or foreign governments.

DATES: Submissions must be received on or before April 22, 2013.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be submitted electronically via http://www.regulations.gov, docket number IPEC–2013–XXXX. Submissions should contain the term “Trade Secret Theft Strategy Legislative Review”.

The regulations.gov Web site is a Federal E-Government Web site that allows the public to find, review and submit comments on documents that have published in the Federal Register and that are open for comment. Submissions filed via the regulations.gov Web site will be available to the public for review and inspection. For this reason, do please not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary business information without following the procedure laid out below.

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summary will be placed in the docket and open to public inspection.
If you are unable to provide submissions to regulations.gov, you may contact the U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator at intellectualproperty@omb.eop.gov using the subject line “Trade Secret Theft Strategy Legislative Review” or (202) 395–1808 to arrange for an alternate method of transmission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Office of the U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, at intellectualproperty@omb.eop.gov or (202) 395–1808.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Geosciences; 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: Advisory Committee for Geosciences (1755).

Dates: April 11, 2013, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m., April 12, 2013, 8:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Place: Stafford I, Room 1235, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230.

Type of Meeting: Open.


Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning support for geosciences research and education.

Agenda

April 11, 2013

• Directorate and NSF activities and plans
• Division Subcommittee Meetings
• Meeting with the Acting Director

April 12, 2013

• Discussion of Expeditions in Education and other NSF Education Programs
• Briefing on South Pole Research and Operations
• Action Items/Planning for Fall Meeting

Dated: March 12, 2013.

Susanne Bolton,
Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

(NRC–2013–0049)

Biweekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Combined Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

Background

Pursuant to Section 189a. (2) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. The Act requires the Commission publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued and grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license or combined license, as applicable, upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This biweekly notice includes all notices of amendments issued, or proposed to be issued from February 21, 2013, to March 6, 2013. The last biweekly notice was published on March 4, 2013 (78 FR 14126).

ADDRESSES: You may access information and comment submissions related to this document, which the NRC possesses and is publically available, by searching on http://www.regulations.gov under Docket ID NRC–2013–0049 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access information related to this document by any of the following methods:


• NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS): You may access publicly-available documents online in the NRC Library at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. To begin the search, select “ADAMS Public Documents” and then select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov.

Documents may be viewed in ADAMS by performing a search on the document date and docket number.

• NRC’s PDR: You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC’s PDR, Room O1–F21, One White Flint North, 1155 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC–2013–0049 in the subject line of your comment submission, in order to ensure that the NRC is able to make your comment submission available to the public in this docket.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at http://www.regulations.gov as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information. If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment.