

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Institute of Environmental Sciences and Technology

Notice is hereby given that, on April 24, 2014, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), Institute of Environmental Sciences and Technology (“IEST”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing additions or changes to its standards development activities. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, IEST’s principal place of business has changed to Arlington Heights, IL. Also, the nature and scope of IEST’s standards development activities have changed to: Contamination Control (CC); Design, Test, and Evaluation (DT&E); and Product Reliability (PR). The areas of interest are as follows: CC—Air cleanliness, air filtration, cleanroom and clean zone design and testing, cleanroom operation, consumables used in cleanrooms, nanotechnology facilities and operations, and pertinent equipment and tools; DT&E—Mechanical shock and vibration equipment and applications, test methods and analysis techniques for various categories of military and consumer equipment, dynamic data acquisition and analysis; and PR—Environmental stress screening for manufacturing processes, reliability testing.

On September 21, 2004, IEST filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on December 3, 2004 (69 FR 70282).

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Executive Office for Immigration Review

[Docket No. EOIR 182]

Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer Electronic Filing Pilot Program

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice.

ACTION: Public notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer (OCAHO), Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), is creating a voluntary pilot program to test an electronic filing system in certain cases filed with OCAHO under 8 U.S.C. 1324a and 1324b. This notice describes the procedures for participation in the pilot program.

DATES: The pilot program will be in effect from May 30, 2014 until November 26, 2014. Parties who enroll in the pilot program with respect to a particular case within these dates will be permitted to continue utilizing electronic filing throughout the pendency of that case.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Rosenblum, General Counsel, Executive Office for Immigration Review, 5107 Leesburg Pike, Suite 2600, Falls Church, Virginia 20530, telephone (703) 305–0470 (not a toll-free call).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer (OCAHO), Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), Department of Justice (Department), is establishing a pilot program that would allow parties in cases before OCAHO’s Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) and Chief Administrative Hearing Officer (CAHO) to file case-related documents by email. Currently, parties before OCAHO submit paper filings to OCAHO, and simultaneously serve a physical copy of each document on other parties to the case. Under this pilot program, both filing with OCAHO and service on other parties could be accomplished by email in eligible cases. OCAHO is undertaking this initiative to attempt to make submission of case documents more convenient for parties and to reduce the time and expense presently incurred with paper filings.

On April 1, 2013, EOIR published a final rule in the **Federal Register** establishing a mandatory electronic

registry (eRegistry) for all attorneys and accredited representatives who practice before EOIR’s immigration courts and the Board of Immigration Appeals (Board). See 78 FR 19400. eRegistry is part of a long-term agency plan to create an electronic case access and filing system for the immigration courts and the Board, pursuant to the Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA), Public Law 105–277, 112 Stat. 2681–750 (1998).

OCAHO is not currently participating in eRegistry, for a number of reasons. First, OCAHO’s cases are filed and tracked in different databases than and differ in both substance and procedure from those handled by the immigration courts and the Board. Second, while many attorneys and accredited representatives appear repeatedly before the immigration courts and the Board in different cases, OCAHO does not encounter as many repeat representatives in its cases. Additionally, many parties in OCAHO cases appear *pro se* or are represented by non-attorneys (for example, business managers or human resources specialists) for only a single case. Therefore, OCAHO does not believe that a formal registry is necessary or useful for its cases at this time.

However, in order to align OCAHO procedures with the rest of the agency as it moves toward a system for electronic filing in cases before the immigration courts and the Board, OCAHO is instituting this temporary, limited, and voluntary electronic filing pilot program. Implementation of this pilot program on a small scale will allow OCAHO to test and evaluate operating an electronic filing system. At the conclusion of the pilot program, OCAHO will assess its experience and determine the best course of action for the development of a more comprehensive and permanent electronic filing system. OCAHO also welcomes input from the public in this regard.

This notice describes the basic procedures for applying for and participating in the pilot program. As detailed herein, OCAHO also intends to send more detailed instructions for participation directly to the parties in eligible cases.

II. Eligibility to Participate

An opportunity to participate in the pilot program will be offered in all OCAHO cases filed within 180 days of the effective date of this notice. Enrollment in the pilot program will be limited to those cases in which both parties: (1) Elect to participate and (2) certify that they and/or their