

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
TOP-HAT PLAN FILING
PURSUANT TO DOL REG. SEC. 2520.104-23
FOR THE
ASM 457(b) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

Pursuant to Department of Labor Regulation Section 2520.104-23, this filing is made with respect to the ASM 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan ("Plan"), and includes the following information:

PLAN NAME

The name of the Plan is the "ASM 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan". This is the only top-hat plan that is the subject of this filing.

EMPLOYER INFORMATION

American Society for Microbiology
1752 N Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20036
EIN: 38-1616141

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

The number of participants in the Plan is fifteen (15).

DECLARATION

The employer maintains this Plan primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees.

PLAN DOCUMENTATION

The employer agrees to provide documents concerning the Plan to the Secretary of the Department of Labor upon request, as required by Section 104(b) of ERISA.

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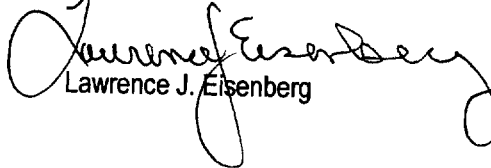
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U.S. Department of Labor
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Re: ASM 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan – DOL Top-Hat Plan Notice

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to Department of Labor Regulation Section 2520.104-23, I am enclosing the requisite notice regarding the above-referenced Plan. Should you have any questions about the enclosed, or if I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,


Lawrence J. Eisenberg

Enclosure

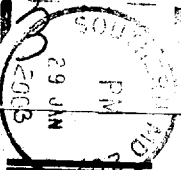
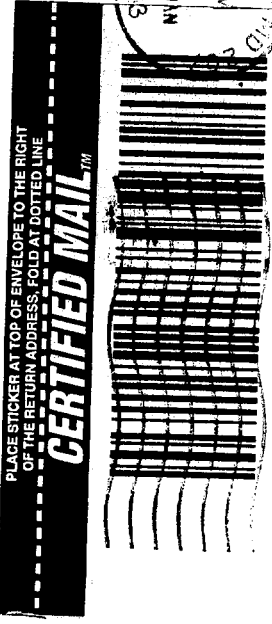
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