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PATENT DEPOSITORY

ATCC has been providing dependable, legally-compliant storage of materials for patent purposes since 1949, long before depositing was a formal requirement of any patent office. Our patent depository currently includes more than 30,000 strains of biological materials.

FEATURES

Compliance with legal requirements. We process all documentation to ensure that legal requirements are met for each deposit.

Dependable storage. ATCC has been storing biological materials since 1925. We are experts in maintaining viability and integrity of cultures.

International patenting. ATCC is an International Depository Authority (IDA) under the International Budapest Treaty for deposits to meet patent office requirements in many countries. All countries signatory to the Budapest Treaty must recognize the deposit of biological material with any IDA. Non-Budapest patent deposits, which meet the requirements of the USPTO, are also available.

Versatile storage. ATCC accepts the following biological material for patent purposes: algae, animal viruses, bacteria, bacteriophages, cell lines, cloned genes, nonhuman embryos, filamentous fungi, hybridomas, plant tissue cultures, plant viruses, purified DNA, protozoa, genomics materials (clones, vectors, libraries, etc.), seeds, yeasts, monoclonal and polyclonal antibodies.

Security and confidentiality. Our facility is specially designed for secure long-term storage of biological materials. All deposits are strictly confidential until the patent issues.

Informing report. ATCC staff provides depositors with a monthly informing report of those parties who have received a sample of their patent materials.

Certificate of deposit. Once viability testing has been completed by ATCC, a certificate of deposit with viability testing results is provided to the depositor and attorney of record. Additional copies are available upon request.



Patent Depository

PATENT DEPOSIT SERVICES

- Pre-deposit assistance with forms and shipping
- Notification of receipt
- E-mail communications and electronic forms
- Viability testing
- Certificate of deposit and a minimum of 30 years of storage
- Release of deposited material for distribution according to deposit rules
- Monthly informing report of distribution of released patent materials
- Regulatory compliance review for permits and distribution

OPTIONAL SERVICES

- Summary of deposits is provided upon request (includes ATCC number, designation and deposit date)
- Return of deposited material (1 vial maximum) to depositor
- Additional copies of deposit certificates are available upon request

STORAGE CONDITIONS

ATCC offers three storage temperature options: liquid nitrogen -145°C or lower; -80°C ; and 2°C to 8°C cold room. Patent deposit materials are stored in vapor phase of liquid nitrogen tanks and validated by measuring the temperature in the inventory space under actual working conditions. Seeds are stored in monitored cold rooms at 2°C to 8°C .

EQUIPMENT

Individual freezer, tank and cold room temperatures are monitored and a facility-wide alarm system indicates when temperatures are out of range. The alarm system is monitored by designated ATCC staff and the ATCC security guard 24 hours a day. The alarms are also monitored by an off-site central service, and redundancy includes several levels of staff equipped with pagers and cell phones that are on call for immediate response to any alarm conditions. Back-up units are available if equipment failure necessitates relocation of the inventory.

STAFF

ATCC provides expert, impartial service throughout the patent process. Administrative staff manages all documentation for both Budapest and Non-Budapest deposits. Repository staff are trained in the proper storage, retrieval, and maintenance of biological materials.

SECURITY

Security staff are on duty at the ATCC facility 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Access to the liquid nitrogen facilities is limited via a controlled and monitored electronic entrance system.



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