



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
DEFENSE OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS**



In the matter of:

Applicant for Security Clearance

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ISCR Case No.

Appearances

For Government: _____, Esq., Department Counsel
For Applicant: Jonathan Bell, Esq.

Decision

COACHER, Robert E., Administrative Judge:

Applicant mitigated the Government's security concerns under Guideline H, Drug Involvement. Applicant's eligibility for a security clearance is granted.

Statement of the Case

On September 30, 2015, the Department of Defense (DOD) issued Applicant a Statement of Reasons (SOR) detailing security concerns under Guideline H, drug involvement. DOD acted under Executive Order (EO) 10865, *Safeguarding Classified Information within Industry* (February 20, 1960), as amended; DOD Directive 5220.6, *Defense Industrial Personnel Security Clearance Review Program* (January 2, 1992), as amended (Directive); and the adjudicative guidelines (AG), implemented by the Department of Defense on September 1, 2006.

Applicant answered (Ans.) the SOR on October 27, 2015, and requested a hearing before an administrative judge. The case was assigned to me on March 2, 2016. DOHA issued a notice of hearing on March 7, 2016, and the hearing was