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File: [Redacted] Office: VERMONT SERVICE CENTER

Date: 06 DEC 2002

IN RE: Petitioner: [Redacted]  
Beneficiary: [Redacted]

Petition: Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker as a Skilled Worker or Professional Pursuant to § 203(b)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(3)

IN BEHALF OF PETITIONER:



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prevent clearly unwarranted  
invasion of personal privacy**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

This is the decision in your case. All documents have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied or the analysis used in reaching the decision was inconsistent with the information provided or with precedent decisions, you may file a motion to reconsider. Such a motion must state the reasons for reconsideration and be supported by any pertinent precedent decisions. Any motion to reconsider must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider, as required under 8 C.F.R. 103.5(a)(1)(i).

If you have new or additional information that you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reopen. Such a motion must state the new facts to be proved at the reopened proceeding and be supported by affidavits or other documentary evidence. Any motion to reopen must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reopen, except that failure to file before this period expires may be excused in the discretion of the Service where it is demonstrated that the delay was reasonable and beyond the control of the applicant or petitioner. Id.

Any motion must be filed with the office that originally decided your case along with a fee of \$110 as required under 8 C.F.R. 103.7.

FOR THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER,  
EXAMINATIONS

*Robert P. Wiemann*  
Robert P. Wiemann, Director  
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**DISCUSSION:** The immigrant visa petition was initially approved by the Director, Vermont Service Center. On the basis of new information received and on further review of the record, the director determined that the petitioner was not eligible for the benefit sought. Accordingly, the director properly served the petitioner with notice of intent to revoke the approval of the preference visa petition, and his reasons therefore, and ultimately revoked the approval of the petition on February 7, 2002. The matter is now before the Associate Commissioner for Examinations on appeal. The appeal will be rejected as untimely filed.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. 205.2(d) indicates that revocations of approvals must be appealed within 15 days after the service of the notice of revocation. The record indicates that the notice of revocation was mailed on February 7, 2002. The appeal was filed on March 1, 2002, 22 days after the decision was mailed. Thus, the appeal was not timely filed.

It is noted that the district director erroneously allowed the petitioner 30 days to file the appeal (33 days if the notice was delivered by mail). The director's error does not, and cannot, supersede the regulation regarding the time allotted to appeal a revocation.

8 C.F.R. 103(a)(2)(v)(B)(1) states that an appeal which is not filed within the time allowed must be rejected as improperly filed. In such a case, any filing fee the Service has accepted will not be refunded.

**ORDER:** The appeal is rejected as untimely filed.