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FILE: EAC 07 265 50240 Office: VERMONT SERVICE CENTER Date: **NOV 29 2007**

IN RE: Petitioner:   
Beneficiaries: 

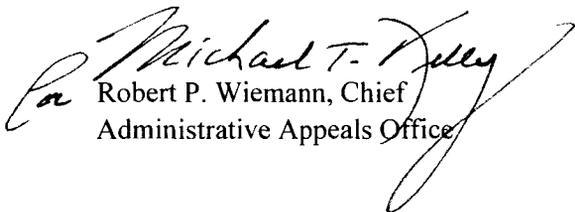
PETITION: Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker Pursuant to Section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b) of the  
Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:



INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office 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.

  
Robert P. Wiemann, Chief  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The nonimmigrant visa petition was approved by the Director, Vermont Service Center, and certified to the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) for review as required by 8 C.F.R. § 214.2(h)(9)(iii)(B)(2)(ii). The decision of the director will be affirmed.

The petitioner is a marine and fabrication company. The petitioner desires to employ the beneficiaries as fitters pursuant to section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b) from October 1, 2007 until June 1, 2008. The Department of Labor (DOL) determined that unique, complex, and persistent circumstances generated in the Gulf Region by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita made it impossible to determine whether a temporary labor certification should be issued in the present case.

The director determined that sufficient countervailing evidence has been submitted to show that qualified persons in the United States are not available, that the employment policies of the DOL have been observed and that the need for the services to be performed is temporary.

After review of the evidence contained in the record, the decision of the director is found to be correct. The petitioner has established a temporary peakload need for fitters to repair the rigs, vessels, and port casualties damaged or destroyed during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The Vermont Service Center will issue the appropriate approval notice.

**ORDER:** The decision of the director is affirmed. The nonimmigrant visa petition is approved.