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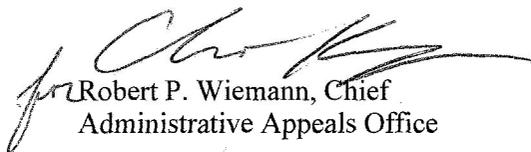
APPLICATION: Application for Temporary Resident Status under Section 245A of the  
Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, 8 U.S.C. § 1255a

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:

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INSTRUCTIONS:

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Robert P. Wiemann, Chief  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The District Director, El Paso, Texas, denied the application for temporary resident status made pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreements reached in *Catholic Social Services, Inc., et al., v. Ridge, et al.*, CIV. NO. S-86-1343-LKK (E.D. Cal) January 23, 2004, and *Felicity Mary Newman, et al., v. United States Immigration and Citizenship Services, et al.*, CIV. NO. 87-4757-WDK (C.D. Cal) February 17, 2004 (CSS/Newman Settlement Agreements). The decision is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected as untimely filed.

The director denied the application because the applicant failed to establish that he had resided unlawfully in the United States for the requisite period.

An adverse decision on an application for temporary resident status may be appealed to the AAO; the appeal with the required fee must be filed within 30 days after service of the notice of denial. 8 C.F.R. § 245a.2(p). If the decision, or notice of denial, was mailed, the applicant is afforded an additional three days, and the appeal must be filed within 33 days. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 103.5a(b). The date of filing is not the date of mailing, but the date of actual receipt. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(7)(i). An appeal that is not timely filed will not be accepted. 8 C.F.R. § 245a.2(p).

In this case, the director issued the notice of denial on January 3, 2008 and mailed it to the applicant's address of record. CIS records indicate that a copy of the decision was mailed to counsel on that same date. The appeal was received on April 7, 2008, 95 days later.

Counsel asserts that he was not notified of the decision until March 10, 2008, and that the appeal should therefore be considered timely. However, CIS records indicate that the decision was properly and timely sent to counsel at his address of record.

The appeal was untimely filed and must be rejected.

**ORDER:** The appeal is rejected.