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FILE:

MSC-03-071-60335

Office: HARTFORD

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IN RE:

Applicant:

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APPLICATION:

Application for Status as a Permanent Resident pursuant to Section 1104 of the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-553, 114 Stat. 2762 (2000), amended by Life Act Amendments, Pub. L. 106-554, 114 Stat. 2763 (2000).

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:

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INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. The file has been returned to the office that originally decided your case. If your appeal was sustained, or if your case was remanded for further action, you will be contacted. If your appeal was dismissed, you no longer have a case pending before this office, and you are not entitled to file a motion to reopen or reconsider your case.

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The application for permanent resident status under the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act was denied by the District Director, Hartford, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The director denied the application because he found the applicant failed to meet the burden of proof required by statute that the applicant is eligible to adjust his status under Section 245a.11 of Title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

An adverse decision on an application for permanent resident status under the LIFE Act may be appealed to the Administrative Appeals Office. Any appeal filed from within the United States must be received by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services within thirty (30) calendar days after service of the notice of denial (NOD). An appeal received after the thirty-day period has tolled will not be accepted. The 30 day period for submitting an appeal begins 3 days after the NOD is mailed. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 245a.20(b)(1).

The record reflects that the director sent his decision of February 4, 2006 to the applicant at her address of record.

On March 30, 2005, the appeal the applicant initially submitted was rejected because it did not include a check and Form I-290B as required. The appeal was properly submitted on April 18, 2006, more than two months after the director's decision. Therefore, the appeal was untimely filed, and must be rejected.

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