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Office: Vermont Service Center

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IN RE: Applicant:



Application: Application for Temporary Protected Status under Section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1254

IN BEHALF OF APPLICANT: Self-represented

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.

Cindy M. Gomez for
Robert P. Wiemann, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application was denied by the Director, Vermont Service Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The applicant is a native and citizen of El Salvador who indicated on his application that he entered the United States on December 12, 1999 without a lawful admission or parole. The director denied the application for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1254, for lack of prosecution (abandonment) because the applicant failed to respond to a request for evidence to establish his eligibility for TPS.

If all requested initial evidence and requested additional evidence is not submitted by the required date, the application or petition shall be considered abandoned and, accordingly, shall be denied. 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(b)(13). A denial due to abandonment may not be appealed, but an applicant or petitioner may file a motion to reopen. 8 C.F.R. 103.2(b)(15).

The record reveals that the applicant filed his application on April 26, 2001. On May 2, 2002, the applicant was requested to submit additional evidence establishing his qualifying residence in the United States. The record does not contain a response from the applicant; therefore, the director concluded that the applicant had abandoned his application and issued a Notice of Denial on October 17, 2002. On appeal the applicant states that he needs his employment authorization card to work.

There is no appeal of the director's decision in the present matter. If the applicant has additional evidence for the record, such documentation should be forwarded on a motion to reopen to the office having jurisdiction over the present application (the office which rendered the initial decision). Since there is no appeal of the decision in the present matter, the appeal will be rejected.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.