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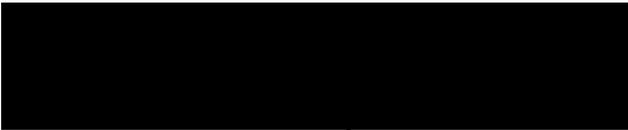
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FILE:



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Office: Vermont Service Center

Date:

APR 21 2005

IN RE:

Applicant:



APPLICATION:

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

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:

Self-represented

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*  
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 (AAO) on appeal. The case will be remanded.

The applicant is a native and citizen of El Salvador who is seeking Temporary Protected Status (TPS) under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1254.

The record reveals that the applicant filed her application on August 27, 2001. On November 4, 2002, and again on June 12, 2003, the applicant was requested to submit evidence establishing that she is a citizen or national of El Salvador. The applicant was also requested to submit evidence showing that Ms. [REDACTED] and Ms. [REDACTED] are one and the same person. In addition, the applicant was requested to submit evidence establishing her qualifying continuous residence in the United States as of February 13, 2001. The record does not contain a response from the applicant; therefore, the director denied the application on August 1, 2003. It is noted that the applicant states that she had responded to the director's June 12, 2003 notice.

Under 8 C.F.R. § 103.3, "the officer shall explain in writing the specific reasons for denial." While the director's decision states: "your application is denied", the specific reason for the denial is not indicated.

Therefore, the case is remanded for the issuance of a new decision that sets forth the specific reasons for the denial.

As always in these proceedings, the burden of proof rests solely with the applicant. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1361.

**ORDER:** The case is remanded to the director for entry of a new decision.