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Date: **MAR 06 2012** Office: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER FILE:

IN RE: Petitioner:
Beneficiary:

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

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER: SELF-REPRESENTED

INSTRUCTIONS:

Enclosed please find the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All of the documents related to this matter have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Please be advised that any further inquiry that you might have concerning your case must be made to that office.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied by us in reaching our decision, or you have additional information that you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reconsider or a motion to reopen. The specific requirements for filing such a request can be found at 8 C.F.R. § 103.5. All motions must be submitted to the office that originally decided your case by filing a Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion, with a fee of \$630. Please be aware that 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i) requires that any motion must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider or reopen.

Thank you,

Perry Rhew
Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The service center director denied the nonimmigrant visa petition that is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed as the matter is now moot.

On the Form I-129 visa petition, the petitioner stated that it is a contract research laboratory firm. In order to continue to employ the beneficiary in what it designates as an assistant chemist position, the petitioner endeavors to continue his classification as a nonimmigrant worker in a specialty occupation pursuant to section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b).

The director denied the petition, finding that the petitioner failed to support the visa petition with an approved labor condition application (LCA). On appeal, the petitioner provided an approved LCA that had been approved after the visa petition was submitted to USCIS.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services records indicate that the beneficiary applied for adjustment of status on June 17, 2011, by a Form I-485 assigned receipt number [REDACTED] and that he became a lawful permanent resident on August 29, 2011. The beneficiary's adjustment of status to lawful permanent resident renders the present proceeding moot.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed based on the beneficiary's adjustment of status to that of a lawful permanent resident.