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IN RE: Applicant: [REDACTED]

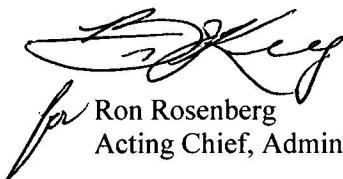
APPLICATION: Application for Temporary Resident Status under Section 245A of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, 8 U.S.C. § 1255a

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:

SELF-REPRESENTED

INSTRUCTIONS:

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



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**DISCUSSION:** The Director of the Los Angeles Field Office 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).<sup>1</sup> The decision is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected because it was untimely filed.

The director denied the application, finding the applicant had failed to establish his continuous residence in the United States throughout 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). 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 March 19, 2012 and mailed it to the applicant's address of record. The instant appeal was received on May 15, 2012, more than 33 days later. Therefore, the appeal was untimely filed and must be rejected.

**ORDER:** The appeal is rejected.

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<sup>1</sup> Initially, the director denied the application, finding the applicant had failed to establish he was a class member. A Special Master granted an appeal. The director then denied the application on the merits.