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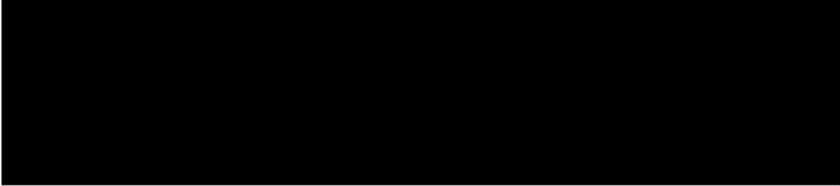
OFFICE: California Service Center

Date: **JAN 30 2007**

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:



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, Chief
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application was denied by the Director, California Service Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

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 director denied the application after determining that the applicant's initial TPS application had been denied on February 4, 2004 and the applicant was therefore not eligible to apply for re-registration under TPS.

The record reveals that the applicant filed a TPS application during the initial registration period under Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) receipt number SRC 01 163 55407. The director denied that application on June 8, 2002, because the applicant failed to submit documents in response to a Request for Evidence (RFE) and, therefore, had abandoned her application. The record shows that both the RFE and the decision were mailed to the applicant's address of record at the time, however, they both were returned by the U.S. Postal Service as undeliverable.

On November 18, 2003, the applicant filed a Motion to Reopen after her I-765 application was returned by CIS because she did not respond to two letters asking her to submit further evidence. She stated that she never received those letters. The director denied the motion because it was submitted over the prescribed period of 33 days since the denial decision on June 8, 2002. After a review of the record, the Chief, AAO, concurs with the director's denial decision.

The applicant filed the current Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status, on May 11, 2005, and indicated that she was re-registering for TPS. The director denied the re-registration application because the applicant's initial TPS application had been denied and the applicant was not eligible to apply for re-registration for TPS.

If the applicant is filing an application as a re-registration, a previous grant of TPS must have been afforded the applicant, as only those individuals who are granted TPS must register annually. In addition, the applicant must continue to maintain the conditions of eligibility. 8 C.F.R. § 244.17.

In this case, the applicant has not previously been granted TPS. Therefore, she is not eligible to re-register for TPS. Consequently, the director's decision to deny the application will be affirmed.

There is no indication that the applicant was attempting to file a late initial application for TPS instead of an annual re-registration. Moreover, there is no evidence in the file to suggest that the applicant is eligible for late registration for TPS under 8 C.F.R. § 244.2(f)(2).

An alien applying for TPS has the burden of proving that he or she meets the requirements enumerated above and is otherwise eligible under the provisions of section 244 of the Act. The applicant has failed to meet this burden.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed.