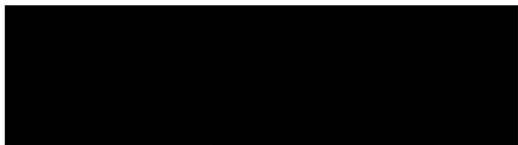




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FILE: [REDACTED] OFFICE: Vermont Service Center DATE: **APR 28 2008**
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INRE: Applicant: [REDACTED]

APPLICATION: Application for Employment Authorization under 8 C.F.R. § 274a.12(c)(19)

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, Chief
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The Director, Vermont Service Center (VSC), denied the application. The application is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The case will be remanded for further action.

The applicant is a native and citizen of Nicaragua who was granted Employment Authorization under 8 c.F.R. § 274a.12(c)(19) as an alien with a pending application for Temporary Protected Status (TPS). On July 3, 2003, the director subsequently denied the underlying initial TPS application.

On September 10, 2007, the director denied the current application for Employment Authorization because the underlying TPS application had been denied. In response to the director's decision, the applicant filed a Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion.

The AAO has no jurisdiction over applications for Employment Authorization. The director erroneously accepted the applicant's response as an appeal instead of a motion to reopen and forwarded the file to the AAO. Therefore, the case will be remanded and the director shall consider the applicant's response as a motion to reopen.

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 further action consistent with the above and entry of a decision.