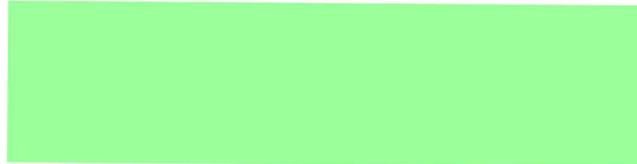


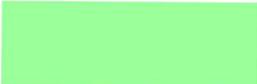


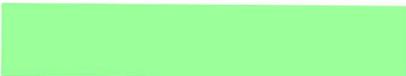
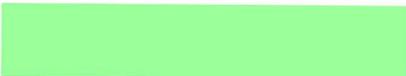
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Date: **NOV 18 2014** Office: TEXAS SERVICE CENTER

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IN RE: Petitioner: 
Beneficiary: 

PETITION: Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker as Outstanding Professor or Researcher Pursuant to Section 203(b)(1)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(1)(B)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:



INSTRUCTIONS:

Enclosed please find the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) in your case. This is a non-precedent decision. The AAO does not announce new constructions of law nor establish agency policy through non-precedent decisions.

DISCUSSION: The employment-based immigrant visa petition was denied by the Director, Texas Service Center on March 7, 2014. The matter is now before the AAO on appeal. On September 29, 2014, the petitioner, through counsel, requested that the petition be withdrawn. The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(b)(6), however, indicates that an application or petition may not be withdrawn once a decision is issued by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Notwithstanding this provision, even if the grounds of ineligibility in this matter were to be overcome on appeal, this request to withdraw the petition now renders it subject to automatic revocation without prior notice. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 205.1(a)(3)(iii)(C). Therefore, as the request to withdraw the original petition was received before the issuance of the AAO's decision in this matter, the issues in this proceeding are now moot, and the appeal will be dismissed on this basis.

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ORDER: The appeal is dismissed as moot.

Thank you,



 Ron Rosenberg
Chief, Administrative Appeals Office