



U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services

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Date: **JAN 17 2013**

Office: VERMONT SERVICE CENTER

File: [REDACTED]

IN RE: Petitioner: [REDACTED]

PETITION: Petition for Immigrant Abused Parent Pursuant to Section 204(a)(1)(A)(vii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1154(a)(1)(A)(vii)

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.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Rosenberg".

Ron Rosenberg
Acting Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The Vermont Service Center director (the "director") denied the immigrant visa petition and the matter is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected as untimely filed.

In order to properly file an appeal, the regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(i) provides that the affected party or the attorney or representative of record must file the complete appeal within 30 days of service of the unfavorable decision. If the decision was mailed, the appeal must be filed within 33 days. See 8 C.F.R. § 103.8(b). 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).

The record indicates that the director issued the decision on October 18, 2011. It is noted that the director properly gave notice to the petitioner that she had 33 days to file the appeal. Neither the Act nor the pertinent regulations grant the AAO authority to extend this time limit.

The Form I-290B Notice of Appeal was not received by the service center until November 22, 2011, or 35 days after the decision was issued. Accordingly, the appeal was untimely filed and the appeal must be rejected.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.