

allow Reclamation to meet its obligations under the Contract. In addition, an evaluation will be made of a mid-channel alternative of setting a permanent diversion intake structure within the currently de-watered portion of the river channel. The mid-channel alternative includes restoration of the de-watered river channel and closure of the bypass tunnel. The other alternatives do not include closure of the bypass tunnel, but would not preclude its possible closure in the future.

Environmental Issues

The EIS/EIR will address potential impacts to the environment that may result from construction, operation and maintenance of the project. PCWA and Reclamation have identified standard best management practices as part of the project, thereby minimizing potential construction-related impacts. These will also be discussed in the EIS/EIR.

In addition, the EIS/EIR will address potential impacts to the area watercourses associated with PCWA's exercise of its American River water entitlement. Historically, only a portion of PCWA's current entitlements have been diverted from the American River. Hydrologic impact analyses will consider the effects of PCWA's increasing its entitlement diversion under varying hydrologic conditions and the impacts of the diversions on the potentially affected hydrologic system, including the North Fork of the American River, Folsom Reservoir, lower American River, and other Central Valley Project (CVP) system components.

Potential impacts to water supplies, fisheries and other aquatic resources, wetland and riparian communities, special-status species, recreational activities, and flood control will be assessed. Also addressed will be growth inducement as a potential secondary impact associated with PCWA's exercise of its existing entitlements within the service area. The cumulative impacts of the proposed project and other ongoing and anticipated future projects on the environment, specifically upstream and downstream American River resources, will be examined in the EIS/EIR.

No adverse impacts to Indian Trust Assets are anticipated with this project. No disproportionately high or adverse human health or environmental impacts to minority or low-income communities are anticipated with this project.

Environmental Process

The lead agencies began evaluation of the environmental effects of the proposed project with an Environmental

Assessment/Initial Study (EA/IS). They also held several public meetings for the EA/IS. Evaluation of this and other proposals within the CVP raised concerns of significant cumulative impacts on resources of the lower American River and other portions of the hydrologic system. In response to these concerns and potential significant impacts, the lead agencies decided to prepare an EIS/EIR. A draft version of the EIS/EIR is expected to be available for review and comment in the fall of 1999.

Special Services

If special services are required at the meeting, please contact Ms. Gay Howe at (530) 823-4889. Please notify Ms. Howe as far in advance of the meeting as possible, but no later than July 2, 1999, so that she will have time to secure the needed services. If a request cannot be honored, the requestor will be notified.

Dated: June 11, 1999.

Kirk C. Rodgers,

Acting Regional Director.

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OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Abolishment of the U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency

AGENCY: Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Overseas Private Investment Corporation ("OPIC") gives notice of the abolition of the U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency ("IDCA"). Under the provisions of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998, as contained in Public Law 105-277, IDCA was abolished, effective April 1, 1999.

DATES: Effective June 18, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eli Landy, Department of Legal Affairs, 202-336-8418, eland@opic.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the provisions of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998, as contained in Public Law 105-277, IDCA was abolished, effective April 1, 1999.

Elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register** OPIC has amended chapter VII of title 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations to delete the reference to IDCA. The abolition of IDCA does not affect the status and validity of OPIC

regulations, directives, rulings, policies; they continue in effect.

Charles D. Toy,

Vice President and General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

[INS No. 1961-98]

Important Announcement for Class Members of American Baptist Churches v. Thornburgh (ABC) Regarding Change of Address Notification

AGENCY: Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

ACTION: Notice Regarding Change of Address Notifications for ABC Class Members.

SUMMARY: This notice informs class members of *American Baptist Churches v. Thornburgh*, 760 F. Supp. 796 (N.D. Cal. 1991) (ABC) of a change in procedures for notifying the Immigration and Naturalization Service (Service) of an address change. It requests ABC class members to submit change of address notifications directly to the Asylum Offices that have jurisdiction over their asylum applications, rather than to the ABC Project Post Office Box in Washington, DC. This action will allow the Service to expedite action in response to a change in address and will be more convenient for the Service and ABC class members. However, the Service will continue to process change of address notifications sent to the ABC Project Post Office Box to ensure that Service records are updated for those class members who are unaware of this change in procedure.

DATES: This notice is effective June 18, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joanna Ruppel, International Affairs, Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 425 I Street NW, ULLICO Bldg., third floor, Washington, DC 20536, telephone number (202) 305-2663.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Why Is the Service Requesting That Address Notifications No Longer Be Sent to the ABC Post Office Box?

The ABC Project Post Office Box in Washington, DC, has provided a centralized location for ABC class members to submit change of address forms. This was necessary in the past

because not all ABC class members who were eligible to seek benefits of the settlement agreement had applied for asylum or any other benefit with the Service. However, the deadlines by which ABC class members were required to apply for asylum in order to retain benefits of the settlement agreement have now passed. Guatemalan class members were required to apply for asylum on or before January 3, 1995. Salvadoran class members were required to apply for asylum on or before January 31, 1996 (with an administrative grace period to February 16, 1996). Because all ABC class members who are eligible for benefits of the settlement agreement have applied for asylum, a centralized location for change of address notification by ABC class members is no longer necessary or efficient.

Currently, the Service Office of International Affairs, based in Washington, DC, receives change of address notifications submitted to the ABC Project Post Office Box. The Office of International Affairs enters the change of address in the computer system when there is sufficient information in the notice to identify the correct record and make the change, or when necessary, asks the sender for additional information. The Office of International Affairs then forwards the notification to the appropriate Asylum Office for filing with the applicant's records. Many of the change of address notifications sent to the ABC Project Post Office Box are duplicates of notifications that ABC class members or their representatives have sent directly to the appropriate Asylum Offices, which have already updated the address in the computer system, thus creating duplicative efforts. Additionally, the Asylum Offices, which maintain the asylum application files, are in the best

position to seek additional information or clarification from an applicant who submits a change of address notification that may require further action. For example, the Asylum Office may need to request or transfer the file when an applicant has moved to another jurisdiction. The unnecessary and additional step of first processing the change of address notification in Washington, DC, before it is sent to the appropriate Asylum Office delays such action. For these reasons, the Service believes that submission of change of address notifications directly to the Asylum Office that has jurisdiction over the asylum application will enhance efficiency, expedite action that needs to be taken in response to the address change, and generally be more convenient for both the Service and ABC class members.

How Should ABC Class Members Notify the Service of a Change of Address?

As it requires for all aliens within the United States, Section 265 of the Immigration and Nationality Act requires ABC class members to notify the Service within 10 days of any change of address. The change of address notification required from ABC class members should be sent to the Asylum Office that has jurisdiction over the class member's asylum application. Notification may be made on the Form I-855, ABC Change of Address Form, or a plain piece of paper containing the information requested in the Form I-855. The Form I-855 requests the class member's full printed name, date of birth, nationality, Alien Registration Number (A-Number), and the class member's previous address. The information should be clearly printed. Alternatively, ABC class members may use a Form AR-11 to notify the Service of a change of address and may send the form to the address specified on the

card or to the Asylum Office that has jurisdiction over the class member's asylum application.

The Form I-855, Change of Address Form, directs individuals to send the completed form to the ABC Project Post Office Box. The form is being amended to instruct that the form be sent to the Asylum Office that has jurisdiction over the class member's asylum application, rather than to the ABC Project Post Office Box. Individuals who continue to use old copies of the Form I-855 should disregard the instruction to send the notice to the ABC Project Post Office Box and should instead send the form to the Asylum Office that has jurisdiction over the asylum application.

It is important that a class member notify the Service of address changes to ensure that the class member receives notice to his or her asylum interview. An ABC class member may lose the right to an ABC asylum interview, and the Service may deny his or her asylum application if the class member fails to appear for an interview and that failure to appear has not been excused for good cause.

What Will Happen to Change of Address Notifications That Are Sent to the ABC Project Post Office Box?

The Service will continue to process change of address notification sent to the ABC Project Post Office Box. However, for expediency and efficiency, the Service strongly encourages each ABC class member to send any change of address notification directly to the Asylum Office that has jurisdiction over the class member's asylum application.

Dated: May 28, 1999.

Doris Meissner,
Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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U.S. Department of Justice
Immigration and Naturalization Service

OMB No. 1115-0197
ABC Change of Address Form

AVISO 18

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES

FORMULARIO PARA CAMBIO DE DIRECCIÓN
(Inglés y Español)

Yo he solicitado la Protección Provisional "TPS" o las disposiciones de *American Baptist Churches*, y mi dirección actual es distinta de la que puse en la solicitud.

Nombre y apellido _____

Número de Archivo A- _____

Mi dirección ACTUAL de domicilio es:

Mi país de nacimiento es: _____

Fecha de nacimiento: _____

La última dirección que informé a INS es:

Firma _____ Fecha _____

Favor de llenar este formulario y enviarlo a la Oficina de Asilo donde su solicitud de asilo pende. Si usted no está seguro de cuál es la oficina donde su solicitud de asilo está pendiente, para obtener esta información por favor contacte la oficina de inmigración mas cercana a su residencia.

GUARDE COPIA DE ESTE FORMULARIO.

RECUERDE: SI SE CAMBIE DE DIRECCIÓN DE NUEVO, DEBE DE INFORMAR AL SERVICIO DE INMIGRACIÓN ("INS"). PUEDE USAR ESTE FORMULARIO. SI NO INFORMA AL INS SU CAMBIO DE DIRECCIÓN, PODRÍA PERDER SU DERECHO DE UNA NUEVA ENTREVISTA Y DECISIÓN DE ASILO.

NOTICE 18

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM
(English and Spanish)

I have applied for TPS or for benefits under *American Baptist Churches* and have a different address from the address on my registration application.

Name _____

A-Number A- _____

My NEW address is:

My country of birth is: _____

Date of birth: _____

The last address I reported to INS is:

Signature _____ Date _____

Fill out this form and send it to the INS Asylum Office where your asylum application is pending. If you are unsure where your asylum application is pending, please contact your local INS District Office to obtain that information.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM.

REMINDER: IF YOUR ADDRESS CHANGES AGAIN YOU MUST INFORM INS. YOU MAY USE AN ABC CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM. YOU CAN LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO A NEW ASYLUM INTERVIEW AND DECISION IF YOU DO NOT INFORM INS OF YOUR CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Form I-855 (Rev. 11-10-98) N