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Public Notice

USCIS NOTIFIES EMPLOYERS OF FILING CHANGES
Two Service Centers designated to receive all I-129s and I-140s

Washington, DC – Due to an unusually large volume of receipts at the Service Centers during the first week of April, it is taking longer than expected for USCIS to enter cases into the system. Depending on the type of case and service requested, it may take nearly two weeks to generate and mail receipt notices. Once the receipt notice is generated, it may take an additional 2 to 3 days for customers to receive their receipt notices in the mail.

Per existing policies and procedures, USCIS continues to process requests for Premium Processing Service within 15 days. USCIS wishes to assure all customers that the original received date will be honored and recorded on the receipt notice. This date will appear in the "Received Date" box on the "Notice of Action" (Form I-797). The received date is different from the "Notice Date," which also appears on the "Notice of Action." The "Notice Date" is the date the receipt notice was actually generated.

USCIS has taken measures to address this situation and expects to be current with its receipting by mid May.

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