

State of New York (FEMA-1564-DR), dated October 1, 2004, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 10, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Magda Ruiz, Recovery Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of New York is hereby amended to include the following area among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of October 1, 2004: Chautauqua County for Public Assistance.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund Program; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services Program; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance; 97.048, Individuals and Households Housing; 97.049, Individuals and Households Disaster Housing Operations; 97.050 Individuals and Households Program-Other Needs, 97.036, Public Assistance Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

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*Under Secretary, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Department of Homeland Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-1568-DR]

#### Tennessee; Amendment No. 2 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Tennessee (FEMA-1568-DR), dated October 7, 2004, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 10, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Magda Ruiz, Recovery Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of a major disaster declaration for the

State of Tennessee is hereby amended to include the following area among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of October 7, 2004:

Giles County for Public Assistance.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund Program; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services Program; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance; 97.048, Individuals and Households Housing; 97.049, Individuals and Households Disaster Housing Operations; 97.050 Individuals and Households Program-Other Needs, 97.036, Public Assistance Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[CIS No. 2273-03]

#### Direct Mail Program for Submitting Form I-485, Application To Register Permanent Resident or Adjust Status; Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization; and Form I-131, Application for Travel Document

**AGENCY:** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is expanding its Direct Mail Program to provide that certain filings of Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status; Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization; and Form I-131, Application for Travel Document, be filed at a designated Chicago, Illinois lockbox facility for initial processing. The Direct Mail Program allows USCIS to more efficiently process applications through standardization, by eliminating duplicative work, maximizing staff productivity, and introducing better information management tools. USCIS intends for this Direct Mail rollout to be completed in a two-phased approach. Phase One will begin on December 1, 2004 and will affect certain aliens filing

Form I-485, Form I-765, and Form I-131 who live in the states of Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, as well as the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands of the United States. Phase Two will begin on April 1, 2005 and will affect certain aliens filing Form I-485, Form I-765, and Form I-131 residing in: Alaska, California, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, and Washington.

**DATES:** This notice is effective December 1, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** S. Rebecca Watson, Lockbox Project Manager, U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Room 1000, Washington, DC 20529, Telephone (202) 272-1001.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

*What is the Direct Mail program?*

The purpose and strategy of the Direct Mail program have been discussed in detail in previous rulemaking and notices (*see* 59 FR 33903, 59 FR 33985, 60 FR 22408, 61 FR 2266, 61 FR 56060, 62 FR 16607, 63 FR 891, 63 FR 892, 63 FR 13434, 63 FR 13878, 63 FR 16828, 63 FR 50584, 63 FR 8688, 63 FR 8689, 64 FR 67323, 69 FR 3380, and 69 FR 4210).

##### Explanation of Changes

*Does this notice make any changes relating to an alien's eligibility for adjustment of status, related employment authorization, or related travel authorization?*

No. This notice affects only the address location where certain filings involving an adjustment of status application, employment authorization and travel authorization requests are to be mailed. These forms, previously filed at several locations nation-wide, will now be filed under the Direct Mail Program at one specific address in Chicago, IL.