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NEWS UPDATE

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Subject: USCIS H-1B Site Visits on the Rise

Over 16,000 fraud detection site visits have been conducted since July 2009 when USCIS instituted a new Administrative Site Visit and Verification Program (ASVVP) within its Fraud Detection & National Security Directorate (FDNS). The FDNS is the arm of USCIS tasked with investigating potential immigration fraud. The stated goal of the site visit program is to verify that the H-1B business actually exists and that there is “on-site awareness of the H1-B petition and the beneficiary.” While FDNS randomly selects H-1B employers after an H-1B petition has been approved, FDNS conducts site visits of all religious worker visa sponsors as part of the adjudication process. H-1B employers should expect increased site visits and should make sure their LCA audit and other files are complete. Should you be visited, contact counsel immediately. Please also refer to our earlier News Update on H-1B site visits, dated November 24, 2009.

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