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The Executive Office for Immigration Review Announces BIA Filing Deadline Changes Due to Hurricane Sandy

FALLS CHURCH, Va. ♦ On October 29-30, 2012, the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) was closed due to Hurricane Sandy. The BIA will consider timely filed any filing that meets both of these criteria:

1. the filing was due on a weekday during the week of October 29, 2012; and
2. the BIA received the filing on or before November 5, 2012.

No request or documentation is required for filings that arrive by November 5, 2012. Filings that arrive after November 5, 2012, are subject to normal filing deadlines. If weather is an issue for any filings that the BIA receives after November 5, 2012, parties should consult the BIA Practice Manual, Chapter 3.1(b)(v), on page 34 (♦Natural or manmade disasters♦). The BIA Practice Manual is available on-line at <http://1.usa.gov/Md03oi>.

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