

## UPDATE ON USCIS BACKLOG ELIMINATION PLAN

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The USCIS announced on November 9, 2004 that during the first three quarters of Fiscal Year 2004 it effectively reduced the backlog of immigration cases from 3.8 million pending cases in January to 3.2 million pending cases as of June 30, 2004. The USCIS expects continued progress during the fourth quarter of the Fiscal Year and has reiterated its goal of eliminating the backlog completely by the end of 2006. For more information on the USCIS backlog elimination plan, please see our article of September 25, 2004.

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