



Immigration Advisory

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H-1B Annual Limit Update

In contrast to the last several years, USCIS has received only 45,000 regular H-1B petitions against the FY 2010 annual limit of 65,000 as of April 27, 2009. Last year, 163,000 H-1B petitions were filed the first week of April, and we anticipated a volume that would cause a lottery again this year. It is unclear when or if the cap will be reached this year.

With this in mind, employers can continue to file H-1B petitions for the time being and should carefully evaluate your company's H-1B needs.

Please contact Jim Levine or Diane Soroko if you would like to discuss this further.

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