Recommendation #18
Public Reporting for Capped Categories

On August 28, 2005, the Ombudsman recommended that USCIS *publish on a monthly basis the number of nonimmigrant visas issued against the annual numerical limitation on H-1B and H-2B visas under INA Sections 214 (g)(1)(A) and (B), including exempted classes that are capped; and to publish such information on a more frequent basis when the numerical cap is projected to be within one month of being reached.*

On December 27, 2005, USCIS responded to the Ombudsman’s recommendation. We agreed, and had actually already implemented the same idea. We now publish a monthly chart with this information, as well as updated charts on a weekly basis as we approach the caps.

The Ombudsman did not have any follow-up to the USCIS response and we consider this recommendation closed.