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USCIS' Fraud Detection and National Security (FDNS) office has recently explained the three types of site visits that are currently being conducted:

- 1. Risk Assessment Program fraud study (RANDOM VISITS).** This is a joint study by USCIS and ICE applicable to both family-based and employment-based cases. Cases are chosen for randomly for review and site visits usually after a case is approved. The purpose of this study is to build a profile of the types of cases where fraud is most prevalent.
- 2. Targeted site visits (PLANNED VISITS).** These are targeted visits where fraud is already suspected. USCIS is supposed to give advance notice of the site visit to counsel of record.
- 3. Administrative site visits (RANDOM VISITS).** These are currently conducted by contractors (who know nothing of immigration law) for religious worker and H-1B cases. The questions are already scripted and involve issues like whether there exists a genuine employer, and whether the beneficiary is doing the work and receiving the wage indicated on the petition. Generally, if all is clear, these visits are not repeated more than once per site (not per employer).

Nonimmigrant Visas:

General Nonimmigrant Visa ^[2]

H-1 Visa ^[3]

R Visa ^[4]

Agency:

USCIS ^[5]

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