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USCIS ANNOUNCES NEW LOOK TO "GREEN CARD"
DHS Name and Seal Added to Permanent Resident Card

Washington, D.C.– U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced today, in compliance with Department of Homeland Security (DHS) branding guidelines, it has made minor changes to the look of the Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551) commonly known as the "Green Card." The new Permanent Resident Card now features the DHS seal on the front and prominently mentions the "Department of Homeland Security" on the back. The changes to the card come following the exhaustion of the Department of Justice cardstock used by the old Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). USCIS has also taken this opportunity to add enhanced security features to the new cards.

USCIS began mailing the new Permanent Resident Card today to qualified immigrants approved for either renewal of their card or for adjustment of status to lawful permanent resident. Those cards already in circulation remain valid until the expiration date listed on the card or until recalled by USCIS. Permanent Resident Cards are issued by USCIS as evidence of a lawful permanent resident's authorization to live and work in the United States.

Last year, USCIS produced and distributed more than 2.5-million Permanent Resident Cards.

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On March 1, 2003, U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services became one of three legacy INS components to join the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. USCIS is charged with fundamentally transforming and improving the delivery of immigration and citizenship services, while enhancing the integrity of our nation's security.