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THERESA FISH TORRES, Appellant	: Order Docketing and Dismissing : Appeal : :
v.	:
ANADARKO AREA DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, Appellee	: Docket No. IBIA 96-82-A : : : July 9, 1996

Appellant Theresa Fish Torres sought review of a decision issued on May 17, 1996, by the Anadarko Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs (Area Director), concerning whether certain property she owned was held in trust status by the United States. For the reasons discussed below, the Board of Indian Appeals (Board) dismisses this appeal.

Because of the large gap between the date of the decision and the date on which appellant stated she received the decision, the Board requested a copy of the return receipt card from the Anadarko Area Office. The return receipt card shows May 24, 1996, as the date on which appellant received the Area Director's decision. That decision correctly informed appellant that her notice of appeal had to be mailed within 30 days of her receipt of the decision, and that no extension of time could be granted for filing a notice of appeal. See 43 CFR 4.332(a). Appellant's notice of appeal was postmarked on June 27, 1996, making it untimely.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Indian Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 CFR 4.1, this appeal from the May 17, 1996, decision issued by the Anadarko Area Director is docketed and dismissed.

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Kathryn A. Lynn  
Chief Administrative Judge

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Anita Vogt  
Administrative Judge