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**Date:** Monday, April 28, 2014  
**To:** US Citizenship & Immigration Service  
**From:** Sarah Kurtz, Reliability Group Manager, Principal Scientist, PhD, NREL  
**Subject:** EB-1 Green Card Application Recommendation for Pramod Krishnani

I am writing on behalf of Pramod Krishnani in support of his application for a green card. First, a little about myself: I received my PhD. (Chemical Physics) from Harvard University in 1985. I worked as a postdoctoral researcher at the Solar Energy Research Institute (SERI) for a year before taking a regular staff position at SERI. SERI is now the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) and I have served NREL in a number of capacities during that time. My accomplishments have been recognized by a Dan David Prize in 2007 and the Cherry Award in 2012. I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Pramod Krishnani from April 2013 to the present. I lead the Photovoltaic Energy Performance Evaluation working group, which is targeting resolution on a key concern of those evaluating the performance of PV plants. I invited Mr. Krishnani to join our group after hearing about his outstanding data collection and analysis knowledge. We have telephone conferences once or twice a month. Mr. Krishnani has been the most consistent contributor to the working group, and has made significant contributions to our latest Report "Analysis of Photovoltaic System Energy Performance Evaluation Method" (Technical Report NREL/TP-5200-60628), published in November 2013. Mr. Krishnani has an extensive knowledge of practical applications of data collection and analysis for photovoltaic systems. He developed the entire plant level testing and evaluation program for Belectric, where he is now employed and he has shared with me his ideas of a comprehensive approach to defining site availability. By sharing this information with us at NREL we are able to develop guidelines and procedures for use by the entire solar industry.

It is commendable that Mr. Krishnani uses his spare time to share his knowledge and ideas with other professionals in the industry. We need more dedicated people like him to continue the progress made in renewable resources.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me.  
Sincerely,

Sarah Kurtz

