

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Re: O-I petition on behalf of Peter Garden

Dear Immigration Officer:

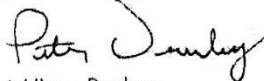
I have over 15 years experience as a wildlife biologist and have worked for Wildlife Services, the Fish and Wildlife Service, and other government agencies, as well as for universities. Much of this has been studying rodent biology, including their roles as vectors of zoonoses, population dynamics, control/ eradication methods as well as nontarget hazard analysis and toxicology. I have planned and conducted invasive rodent programs and projects in both Alaska and Hawaii. I have actively participated in the FIFRA registration process for rodenticides and have conducted GLP studies for several labels sought and obtained in both Alaska and Hawaii. I have also co-written programmatic as well as site specific invasive rodent NEPA documents.

As project manager for the winter 2008 Mokapu rat eradication in Hawaii, I contracted Mr. Peter Garden for consultation and the training of a local pilot to conduct aerial rodenticide applications, using a helicopter with an agricultural spreader slung underneath.

In New Zealand where this technique originated, Mr. Garden is among the leaders within this highly specialized field of helicopter pilots. As government agencies in the US begin to utilize these methods it is important to gain from the experience developed previously in NZ and transfer this knowledge and skill to their locally based pilots and project managers. Without such aid the success and safety of such operations in the US may be jeopardized.

I am very active in the technical field employing Mr. Garden and have used and greatly appreciated his services in the past. At this nascent point in the field it is very important that US government agencies learn from the NZ experience to be able to conduct similar operations here in the US. safely and effectively.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please feel free to contact our office should you have any questions



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