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MEMORANDUM FOR: Francis Yebesi  
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SUBJECT: Implementation of Pilot Program

Effective December 3, 2018, Region VI's Whistleblower Protection Program (WPP) formally adopted the Expedited Case Processing Pilot created by Region IX (Directive #CPL 02-03-01), which allows complainants the option of requesting OSHA terminate its investigation and issue Secretary's Findings so they can pursue their claim more expeditiously before the DOL – Office of Administrative Law Judges (OALJ). Prior to the implementation of this year-long pilot adoption, this pilot was thoroughly discussed with the Region VI WPP investigators. Upon completion, the results of the pilot will be evaluated and shared with DWPP.