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MEMORANDUM FOR: Francis Yebeşi
Acting Director, Whistleblower Protection Program

FROM: Rita Lucero
Acting Regional Administrator, Region VIII

SUBJECT: Implementation of Expedited ALJ pilot

Effective March 1, 2018, Region VIII's Whistleblower Protection Program (WPP) will formally adopt the Expedited Case Processing Pilot created by Region IX (Directive #CPL 02-03-01). This pilot allows complainants the option of requesting that OSHA terminate its investigation and issue Secretary's Findings so they can pursue their claim more expeditiously before a DOL – ALJ.

Prior to the implementation of this year-long pilot adoption, this pilot will be thoroughly discussed with the Region VIII WPP investigators. Upon completion, the results of the pilot will be evaluated, and shared, with DWPP.