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MEMORANDUM FOR: Francis Yebesi  
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FROM: Galen Blanton  
Regional Administrator

SUBJECT: Implementation of Pilot Program

The Region I Whistleblower Protection Program (WPP) requests to formally adopt the Complaint Intake Pilot (Directive #CPL-2020-12), effective January 11, 2021 through April 30, 2021. This pilot allows all incoming complaints to be evaluated to determine if the complaints should remain in the intake phase while more information is obtained or proceed to the screening phase. If additional information is required, Complainants and/or their representatives will be contacted by letter and additional information requested. The pilot applies only to district court statutes – Section 11(c), ISCA, and AHERA.

Regions I is seeking approval to participate in the similar pilot following the procedures outlined in the Region II directive. After April 30, 2021, the ARA will conduct an evaluation of the pilot's effectiveness.