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MEMORANDUM FOR: Francis Yebesi
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FROM: 
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SUBJECT: Joining Expedited Case Processing Pilot, Directive No: CPL 02-03-01

Effective December 12, 2017, Region X's Whistleblower Protection Program will formally adopt the Expedited Case Processing Pilot created by Region IX (Directive No.: CPL 02-03-01), which 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 Department of Labor Administrative Law Judge. The pilot will run for one calendar year. The Assistant Regional Administrator for Whistleblower Protection will conduct training for all whistleblower staff prior to implementation. The ARA for WPP will also review all case files subject to the pilot to ensure they are handled consistent with the procedures outlined in the pilot. At the conclusion of the pilot, Region X will conduct the evaluation described in the Directive and will provide the results to the Directorate for Whistleblower Protection Programs.