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MEMORANDUM FOR:	Director, Field Operations San Diego Director, Field Operations Tucson Director, Field Operations El Paso Director, Field Operations Laredo Office of Field Operations (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
FROM:	Assistant Commissioner Office of Field Operations
SUBJECT:	Alien Transfer Exit Program

The Alien Transfer Exit Program (ATEP) is being expanded along the Southwest border. If your field office is not currently participating, please implement upon receipt of this memorandum.

ATEP is intended to serve as a first step in the implementation of a larger Consequence Delivery System (CDS) for inadmissible subjects encountered at your ports of entry. Consequence Delivery is the most operational and cost effective legal consequence that can be consistently applied to an illegal alien to deter future illegal activity. Rather than returning inadmissible Mexican nationals directly to the transnational criminal organizations, subjects who are amenable to ATEP will either be allowed to withdraw their application for admission or will be removed expeditiously and will be placed onto transportation to depart the United States at ports of entry in other geographical areas. The intent of ATEP implementation is to disrupt the efforts of these transnational criminal organizations.

The transportation mechanism is currently in place and is being utilized by the Border Patrol through transportation and housing capacity belonging to Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Enforcement and Removal Operations (ICE/ERO). Your local Border Patrol and ICE/ERO offices have been informed that you will be reaching out to them at the local level for this new coordination.

Male Mexican nationals between the (b) (7)(E) who are not part of family units and do not have significant health conditions will be amenable to ATEP. As a part of this program, subjects who are going to be removed via ATEP will need to be entered into (b) (7)(E) according to the attached directions. Further, the ATEP participants have to be manually entered into an (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E) This database is necessary to track subjects who have been entered into ATEP in the event of their re-apprehension. You must coordinate with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @dhs.gov) to obtain access to this database.

After coordinating with your local Border Patrol and ICE/ERO offices, as many amenable subjects as possible should be placed into ATEP. Again, this is the first step in establishing a more comprehensive CDS in which all field offices will participate. Further details related to the expansion of the CDS will be forthcoming.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Executive Director, Admissibility and Passenger Programs at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Attachment

Alien Transfer Exit Program ATEP

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Eligible Candidates for the ATEP consequence:

- Male Mexican nationals ONLY

- Must be between (b) (7)(E)

- Must not be apart of a family unit

  - (b) (7)(E)

  - If all members of a family unit are eligible, send all. If only one member is eligible, then they are NOT a candidate for ATEP.

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Eligible Candidates for the ATEP consequence (continued):

- Must be in good health
  - Not taking any medications
  - Medically cleared aliens NOT permitted
- No Criminal or Administrative History
  - No criminal aliens or persons of violence
  - Any conviction other than a DUI is NOT eligible for ATEP

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INITIAL PROCESSING

- All detainees must be processed in (b) (7)(E) (i.e., ER or VR)

  - Select the ATEP (b) (7)(E)

    (b) (7)(E)

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INITIAL PROCESSING

- All detainees must be manually entered into an (b) (7)(E)

(b) (6), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E)

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I-213 NARRATIVE

- The following statement **MUST** be included:

  – **"Subject is a candidate and participant in the Alien Transfer and Exit Program (ATEP) from {insert POE name, spell out} on {insert date}."**

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ATEP Paperwork

- I-213
- A-file
- I-296 and I-860 copies to alien (originals in A-file)

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