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SUBJECT : EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY

TO : USIBWC Managers, Supervisors, Management Officials,
employees, and Presidents, AFGE Locals 3060 and 3309,.

CONTROL : Equal Employment Opportunity Program Manager (915) 832-4112

710.1 REQUIREMENT/AUTHORITY:

The head of each federal agency is required to issue a written policy statement expressing their commitment to equal employment opportunity and a workplace free of discriminatory harassment. This statement should be issued at the beginning of their tenure and thereafter on an annual basis and disseminated to all employees to fulfill the goals and objectives of equal employment opportunity. Public Law 92-261, Section 717(b) requires that a public document be maintained of the policies, responsibilities, and leadership required for full implementation of the equal employment opportunity program.

710.2 RESPONSIBILITY

EEO is the responsibility of all employees of the USIBWC.

710.3 SUPERSESION

This Directive supersedes USIBWC Directive Volume 1, Chapter 701, dated October 3, 2005.

710.4 EFFECTIVE DATE

This directive is effective upon issuance.

C.W. Ruth
United States Commissioner



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Equal Employment Opportunity Policy

Equal employment opportunity is not only a legal obligation but also a moral and ethical responsibility. I am committed to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended which guarantees equal employment opportunity for all employees and applicants for employment, regardless of their race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age or disability. It is the policy of this agency that all employees will have the freedom to compete on a fair and level playing field with equal opportunity. Equal employment opportunity covers all personnel/employment programs, management practices and decisions including, but not limited to, recruitment/hiring, merit promotion, transfer, reassignments, training and career development, benefits, and separation. The objective is to provide a work environment free of unlawful employment discrimination and discriminatory harassment.

Workplace harassment will not be tolerated, allegations of harassment will be immediately investigated, and, where allegations are substantiated, appropriate action will be taken according to the USIBWC's table of penalties up to and including dismissal.

Prohibited harassment includes conduct which has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with the employee's work performance or creating an environment which is intimidating, hostile or offensive to the employee. Harassment based on a person's race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability is prohibited. Any employee who feels that a violation of this policy has occurred should immediately report the matter to their supervisor. If that person is unavailable or the employee believes it would be inappropriate to contact his/her supervisor, the employee should contact the supervisor's supervisor, and/or the EEO office. Each complaint will be investigated and any violations will be remedied. The complaining employee will not be affected in employment with the agency as a result of bringing the harassment complaint to the attention of the agency.

The USIBWC supports the rights of all employees to exercise their rights under the civil rights statutes. Reprisal or retaliation against one who engages in protected activity is prohibited and will not be tolerated. Employees who believe they have been discriminated against, harassed, reprimed or retaliated against are encouraged to visit or contact Ms. Cecilia Rubio, in the EEO office at 915/832-4112.

C. W. Ruth
United States Commissioner