

July 7, 2003

Memorandum

Subject: Reassignment of Leo D' Amico to  
Director, National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)

From: John Peter Suarez /s/  
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To: Regional Administrators  
OECA Office Directors  
Regional Enforcement Division Directors  
Regional Counsels

Effective July 6, 2003, Leo A. D'Amico, Director of the Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training (OCEFT), will be reassigned to the position of Director, National Enforcement Training Institute. In October 2002, Leo requested a reassignment of duties for family reasons. Since making that request, he has continued managing a strong criminal enforcement program while ensuring a smooth transition for his eventual successor.

Since joining EPA in 1993 as the Deputy Director of the Criminal Investigations Division, and as Office Director since 1999, Leo has been in the forefront of developing EPA's criminal enforcement program as envisioned by Congress when it enacted the Pollution Prosecution Act of 1990. During Leo's tenure, he was directly responsible for hiring more than 200 criminal investigators across the country. Just as important, he worked closely with field agents to develop close relationships with federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement communities to ensure that EPA's criminal enforcement program benefitted citizens nationwide, especially in environmental justice communities. Leo was also a "steady hand on the wheel" following the September 11 attacks, managing OECA's Homeland Security Program and assisting the FBI in investigating potential chemical, biological and nuclear terrorist threats.

I thank Leo for his dedication, hard work and results over the past decade. I am confident that Leo will bring the same amount of enthusiasm, dedication, and hard work to the demands of the National Enforcement Training Institute.

In the interim, I have asked OCEFT Deputy Director Emmett Dashiell to serve as Acting OCEFT Office Director until a permanent selection is made. Please provide Emmett with your support during this transition.

cc: Deouty Administrator  
General Counsel  
Assistant Administrators