

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Transfers 73775 and 73776  
FROM: Steve Lester   
DATE: September 11, 2009  
RE: Preliminary Processing and Reverse Parallel Processing

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These applications were filed in September 2005 and subject to the transfer backlog related to SRBA work. The Director authorized "preliminary processing" in cases where the applicant made a good argument for moving ahead to some degree.

Preliminary processing in this case included the following steps:

- cursory review by Western staff
- preliminary processing agreement received from the applicant 12/9/05
- 12/13/05 file document listing completed processing tasks in this regard.

Legal notices were published in December 2005 without any protests. Current review of the legal notices determined they were sufficient. Re-advertising is not needed.

As we began working on the backlog, these applications were forwarded to the SO for "reverse parallel processing" to help tackle the backlog plus provide training for new SO staff. The end result was a complete and approvable set of applications that can now be approved.