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MEMORANDUM TO: Hubert J. Miller, Regional Administrator, Region I
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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SEVEN-YEAR RELOCATION POLICY
FOR RESIDENT INSPECTION STAFF

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All current RIs are now considered to have the option of a seven-year versus a five-year maximum tour length. New RI assignments will stipulate a seven-year maximum tour length. This policy decision should not preclude RI staff from relocating for promotions, voluntary reassignments, or management-directed reassignments. EDO Field Policy Manual Number 8, "Resident Inspector Relocation Policy," is being revised to reflect this change in policy. Please forward copies of this memorandum to all affected staff in your respective regions.

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