

SUBJECT: Rescission of Non-Citizen Migrant Entry Safety Guidance

Effective immediately, the 2022 Non-Citizen Migrant Entry Safety Guidance memorandum and all associated directives are rescinded.

The U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) remains steadfast in its commitment to safeguarding the nation's borders through effective enforcement actions that uphold the rule of law and strengthen national security. Accomplishing this mission requires a sharp focus on our core operational priorities and the flexibility to address complex challenges in the field.

Our primary goal is achieving and maintaining full operational control of the border. This strategy is grounded in the principle of impedance and denial, which emphasizes forward-leaning operations and the strategic deployment of surveillance resources at the immediate border. By concentrating resources near the border and preventing adversaries from operating within our country, we can advance toward complete situational awareness and work to eliminate gotaways. Every illicit entry must be swiftly detected, identified, mitigated, and resolved as close to the border as operationally feasible.

The 2022 Non-Citizen Migrant Entry Safety Guidance imposed significant restrictions on interdiction tactics, particularly in hazardous environments, which diminished the ability of agents to respond proactively to illegal crossings. These limitations negatively impacted operational effectiveness, allowing smuggling organizations to quickly adapt and exploit weakened enforcement postures. As a result, deterrence and apprehension efforts were undermined, impeding our mission to secure the border.

Rescinding this policy restores agents' authority to interdict, apprehend, and rescue individuals engaged in illegal crossings, while remaining consistent with USBP's core mission and the Chief's priorities: protecting our workforce, securing our communities, and preserving human life. Moving forward, agents are reminded to exercise sound judgment and prioritize safety, particularly when operating in high-risk environments.