

Memorandum

To: SENTRI CARD HOLDERS

From: Kathleen Campbell Walker

Date: July 29, 2010

RE: Pilot Project - SENTRI I-94 Expedite Process at El Paso Ports of Entry

On June 14, 2010, the El Paso Field Office commenced implementation of a pilot project based on community input for the expedited issuance of the I-94 entry document for those holding SENTRI cards. The I-94 card is required along the land border by most foreign nationals to enter the U.S. For Mexican nationals holding a border crossing card/laser visa, the I-94 is required to enter the U.S. for business or tourist visits of longer than 30 days and/or when such visits are outside of a 25 mile perimeter of the U.S. Mexico border (except in Arizona, where it is a 75 mile requirement).

The issuance of an I-94 can take hours and requires the payment of a \$6.00 fee. The benefit of the Pilot Project is that SENTRI (express lane/DCL) card holders will have front of the line privileges to apply for the I-94 admission document at certain El Paso ports of entry.

The expedited I-94 project is available as follows:

1. Paso Del Norte Bridge – Applicants may apply 24/7 for an expedited I-94 at window 5.
2. Bridge of the Americas – There is no expedite window in effect at the Bridge of the Americas.
3. Ysleta/Zaragoza – SENTRI applicants may apply for an expedited I-94 at the Enrollment Center at the Ysleta Bridge from 8 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday. Applicants must first present themselves at the I-94 window and identify themselves as SENTRI card holders. They are then referred to the enrollment center window for I-94 issuance at present.
4. Dedicated Commuter Lane/Stanton Bridge – Applicants may apply from 6:00 am to 12:00 pm midnight Monday through Friday and weekends from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm midnight.

(FOR EXPEDITED ISSUANCE, SENTRI CARDS MUST BE PRESENTED. OF COURSE, ISSUANCE OF ANY I-94 IS DISCRETIONARY BY THE AGENCY.)