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Mr. Ivan D. Butts
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National Association of Postal Supervisors
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Dear Ivan:

The Postal Service has begun using Surface Visibility cellular scanners to help the Postal Service identify when mail departs from select mailer facilities on Postal Service transportation enroute to a Postal Service facility that is not in the local region of the mailer facility.

Surface Visibility is a scanning method used to track mail transported within the Postal Service network. Currently, some mailers have their employees scan presort mail with their own company equipment; however, this scan data cannot be used within Postal Service systems.

The Postal Service has decided that in order to provide container visibility scan data at the mailer facility, the containers will be scanned by mailer employees using Postal Service mobile scanning equipment. The containers will be scanned at the mailer facilities as they are loaded onto the Postal Service trailer for transport, and the trailer will be scanned when the trip departs. The trip departure scan will be used as the "start-the-clock" date of the mail.

Below is a listing of the Pitney Bowes Presort mailer sites where this new process is initially being deployed:

- Reading, Pennsylvania
- Des Moines, Iowa
- Omaha, Nebraska
- Atlanta, Georgia
- Indianapolis, Indiana
- Columbus, Ohio
- Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas

Future deployment or removal of this process at these or other sites (mailers) will be determined by agreement between the Postal Service and the mailer.

Please contact Dion Mealy at 202-507-0193 if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shannon Richardson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Shannon Richardson
Director
Contract Administration (APWU)