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Mr. Ivan D. Butts
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Dear Ivan:

As a matter of general interest, the Postal Service plans to further explore the feasibility of utilizing autonomous floor scrubbers/vacuums within postal facilities. Currently, the Postal Service uses many different types and sizes of ride on and walk behind floor scrubber/vacuum machines to clean/vacuum various floor types.

The Postal Service conducted an initial test on May 17, at the Richmond, Virginia Regional Processing and Distribution Center (RPDC) of a few different autonomous floor scrubbers/vacuums on the market.

HQ Maintenance Operations (HQMO) intends to conduct further testing of the autonomous floor scrubbers/vacuums the week of January 8, 2024, at the Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC). The test will include the Pringle Robotics on January 9, 2024, and the Lionsbot on January 11, 2024. These are product lines which utilize several different size machine types such as 15", 20", and 32" scrubber/vacuum systems.

Please contact Thomas Elias at 301-300-5022 if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shannon R. Richardson".

Shannon R. Richardson
Director
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