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Dear Brian:

As a matter of general interest, the Postal Service intends to modify EIRS 84 Wire Containers by adding Tow Pockets to each container.

Currently, there are two versions of the EIRS 84 Wire Container and neither version has Tow Pockets. The addition of Tow Pockets to the containers will enable them to be safely towed in groups of three by Powered Industrial Trucks (PIT) equipment. Headquarters Engineering and Material Handling designed and tested a Snap On Tow Pocket that can be attached to either version of the EIRS 84 Wire Container. The Tow Pocket modification requires only common tools and less than 5 minutes to install per Tow Pocket. Three Tow Pockets will be installed on each EIRS 84 Wire Container. All modifications will be made by postal maintenance employees at each respective facility.

The container modification project will initially commence at the end of February. Approximately 462 Tow Pockets are being distributed to the following test sites:

- Portland, OR Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC)
- ML Sellers San Diego P&DC
- Merrifield, VA P&DC

In April, the modifications will be expanded, with approximately 21,000 Tow Pockets being distributed to 10 additional sites, including:

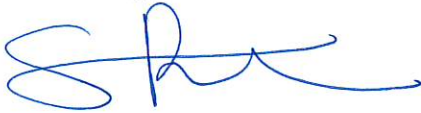
- Richmond, VA P&DC
- Queens, NY P&DC
- Pennwood Place, PA P&DC
- 7 additional P&DC sites to be determined, based on volume of wire containers at the facility


By July, the modification project will be expanded, with approximately 43,000 Tow Pockets to be distributed to 100 additional P&DC sites.

By September, an additional 64,000 Tow Pockets will be distributed to any remaining P&DC sites for container modification.

Please contact Shannon Richardson at extension 5842 if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,



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