



September 9, 2020

Mr. Brian J. Wagner
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Certified Mail Tracking Number:

Dear Brian:

As a matter of general interest, the Postal Service plans to test using the Flat Sequencing System (FSS) machine to sort flats to carrier route.

The purpose of this test is to determine the feasibility of using the FSS machine to process flats to carrier route and the impact on delivery units.

Currently, mail is carrier routed on the Automated Flats Sorting Machine (AFSM) and distributed to the delivery unit in tubs. During the test, the carrier routed mail processed on the FSS machine will be distributed to the delivery unit in street trays housed in carrier automated street tray racks (CASTRs). At the delivery unit, the clerks will distribute the street trays to the carriers for casing.

The test will be conducted out of the Dulles, Virginia Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) and include all zones for the Northern Virginia District and the Petersburg, West Virginia 268 sectional center facility (SCF) zones. The test is scheduled to occur from September 10-30. Headquarters Engineering will be at the Dulles P&DC to oversee the testing and address any issues that may arise. Upon completion of the testing, the process will return to the current conditions.

Enclosed is a copy of the stand-up talk and standard work instruction that will be given to bargaining unit employees at the affected delivery units and the list of zones.

If there are any questions, please contact Mike Faber at 215-432-0613.

Sincerely,

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Manager
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Enclosures