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Dear Brian:

This letter is in further reference to the National Recycling Program. Notice of this program was provided by letter dated June 4, 2014 (enclosed).

As previously informed, the National Recycling Program involves backhauling recyclables from Associate Offices (AOs) to its servicing Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) through the use of empty return mail transport equipment (MTE). Over the last several years, the Postal Service conducted observations of designated facilities and developed and implemented a work process for mixed paper backhaul recycling activities.

The Postal Service is expanding the program to evaluate and develop standard processes for cardboard and plastic recycling activities. Similar to the implementation of mixed paper recycling, observational evaluations will be performed at hub recycling facilities. These evaluations will be conducted at facilities where various types of equipment have been deployed under the National Recycling Program. Recycling work hour needs have historically been locally estimated due to the non-standard nature of postal recycling operations. The team intends to collect data for a variety of recycling equipment and processes. Maintenance departments at selected facilities will be suspending their cardboard and plastic recycling operations for a determined period of time in advance of the team's visit to ensure sufficient recyclable material is on hand for these observations. The goal of the effort is to establish standard processes that enhance recycling operations to improve recycling performance, improve the management of recycling work hours, and provide metrics to be used for capital investment decision making.

It is anticipated that the observational evaluations will take place over the next twelve months. You will be notified when site selection and dates have been finalized.

Please contact Jeffery Meadows if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rickey R. Dean".

Rickey R. Dean  
Manager  
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Enclosure



June 4, 2014

Mr. Louis Atkins  
President  
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Dear Louis:

This letter serves as a general interest notification of the Postal Service's intent to implement a National Recycling Program in early July 2014.

The National Recycling Program involves backhauling recyclables from Associate Offices (AOs) to its servicing Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC). Backhaul recycling is transporting recyclables such as mixed paper to P&DCs in properly placarded empty mail transport equipment (MTE). This allows for the consolidation/aggregation of recyclables to maximize economies of scale and to receive the highest contract market prices for the recyclables. Since empty MTE is already returned to the P&DCs via existing transportation, the empty return MTE will be used to move the recyclable materials to maximize its financial benefit. The AO will also benefit from this Program by reduced trash disposal costs as the recyclables will no longer be discarded. This reverse logistics opportunity is an inherent recycling benefit for the Postal Service that few other entities can leverage. The initiative will involve installing recycling equipment such as universal dumpers/compactors to accept the MTE containing AO recyclables for consolidation.

Backhaul recycling will involve Mail Handlers at P&DCs unloading MTE containing the recyclables received from AO's and transporting them to a designated recycling staging area in the P&DC. Custodians will then load the MTE into the universal dumper/compactor to consolidate the recyclables for pickup by a recycling service vendor.

If there are any questions, please contact Jacqueline Adona of my staff at extension 3800.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick M. Devine".

Patrick M. Devine  
Manager  
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