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Dear Brian:

As a matter of general interest, the Postal Service plans to test two auto feed systems capable of handling mail directly from the managed mail (MM) and extended managed mail (EMM) trays onto the Delivery Bar Code Sorter (DBCS).


There are two systems being tested to evaluate the designs for feasibility, performance, and reliability. The first is a Tilt Out Tray Unloader Mechanism to Ledge (TOTL) system, which is designed to auto feed directly from MM and EMM trays that are at least 70-75% full. The second performs the same function, but is designed to handle trays regardless of their fill amount. This system has a larger footprint than the TOTL.


Both systems are scheduled to be tested at the Northern Virginia Processing and Distribution Center. Site preparation is scheduled to start July 1. The TOTL testing is anticipated to begin July 13 and run for three weeks. Testing of the second system is scheduled to begin September 13 and also run for three weeks. Upon completion of the testing, the systems will be removed and the results evaluated.

USPS Engineering Systems will be conducting the testing of the subject systems, but may utilize the assistance of bargaining unit employees.

If there are any questions, please contact Shannon Richardson at extension 5842.

Sincerely,



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