

significant economic effect upon a substantial number of small entities. Accordingly, this rule will ensure that existing requirements previously promulgated by OSM will be implemented by the State. In making the determination as to whether this rule would have a significant economic impact, the Department relied upon the data and assumptions for the corresponding Federal regulations.

Unfunded Mandates

This rule will not impose a cost of \$100 million or more in any given year on any governmental entity or the private sector.

List of Subjects in 30 CFR Part 943

Intergovernmental relations, Surface mining, Underground mining.

Dated: December 2, 1996.

Brent Wahlquist,
Regional Director, Mid-Continent Regional
Coordinating Center.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 30 CFR part 943 is amended as set forth below:

PART 943—TEXAS

1. The authority citation for part 943 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*

2. Section 943.15 is amended by adding paragraph (o) to read as follows:

§ 943.15 Approval of regulatory program amendments.

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(o) Revisions to and/or the addition of Texas' regulations at TCMR 816.384(a)(3) and TCMR 816.384(a)(4), as submitted to OSM on July 11, 1996, are approved effective December 20, 1996.

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 111

Domestic Mail Manual; Miscellaneous Amendments

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule describes the amendments consolidated in the transmittal letters for issues 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, and 49 of the Domestic Mail Manual (DMM), which is incorporated by reference in the Code of Federal Regulations (see 39 CFR 111.1). This final rule constitutes a historic record of

changes, presented in chronological sequence by issue date of the DMM. As such, any amendment shown in this final rule may have been rescinded or superseded by a later amendment to the same requirement or rule.

EFFECTIVE DATES: DMM issue 44, September 20, 1992; DMM issue 45, December 20, 1992; DMM issue 46, July 1, 1993; DMM issue 47, April 10, 1994; DMM issue 48, January 1, 1995; and DMM issue 49, September 1, 1995.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Domestic Mail Manual (DMM), incorporated by reference in title 39, Code of Federal Regulations, part 111, contains the basic standards of the U.S. Postal Service governing its domestic mail services; describes the mail classes and special services and conditions governing their use; and provides detailed instructions on the standards for rate eligibility and mail preparation. The DMM is amended and republished about every 6 months, with each issue sequentially numbered.

This final rule shows in historic sequence the amendments to DMM issues 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, and 49. These amendments reflect changes in mail preparation standards and other miscellaneous mailing requirements that occurred during a 4-year interval. These changes were previously announced in the Postal Bulletin, a biweekly document issued to post office personnel and to public subscribers through a service administered by the U.S. Government Printing Office. The Postal Service temporarily ceased publication in the Federal Register of the transmittals for the DMM because any significant amendment or revision to a rate or fee was also issued as a final rule in the Federal Register. With the publication of DMM issue 46 on July 1, 1993, the Postal Service introduced a thoroughly revised document that was reorganized using a new alphanumeric codification system. That issue also introduced a transmittal summary of changes organized by topic.

DMM issue 50, the current edition of the DMM, was released on July 1, 1996. That issue contains substantive changes to mail preparation standards and mail classification as published in the Federal Register on March 12, 1996 (61 FR 10068-10217). These standards were approved on March 4, 1996, by the Postal Service to implement the Decision of the Governors of the Postal Service in Postal Rate Commission Docket No. MC95-1, Classification Reform I. These standards took effect at 12:01 a.m., July 1, 1996.

DMM issue 51, the next edition of the DMM, is scheduled for release on January 1, 1997. That issue will contain substantive changes to mail preparation standards and mail classification for nonprofit rate categories for Periodicals and Nonprofit Standard Mail. These standards were published on August 15, 1996, in the Federal Register (61 FR 42478-42489), as approved on August 6, 1996, by the USPS to implement the Decision of the Governors of the Postal Service in Postal Rate Commission Docket No. MC96-2, Classification Reform II. Those standards took effect at 12:01 a.m., October 6, 1996, aligning the preparation rules adopted on July 1 for commercial mail with those for nonprofit mail.

The following excerpts from the Summary of Changes sections of the transmittals for DMM issues 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, and 49 generally cover the minor changes not previously described in other interim or final rules published in the Federal Register. These changes were first announced in notices in various issues of the Postal Bulletin published by the Postal Service to state or to revise policy and procedure for certain mailing standards.

DMM Issue 44 (September 20, 1992)

Section 111.54 reminds mailers and employees that changes to the Domestic Mail Manual are published not only in the Federal Register but also in the Postal Bulletin. No notice of this revision was published.

Section 119.22 tells customers where and how they can buy Publication 65, National Five-Digit ZIP Code and Post Office Directory. No notice of this revision was published.

Subchapters 120, 310, 320, 340, 350, 360, 380, 410, 420, 440, 510, 520, 530, 550, 570, 610, 620, 640, and 660 provide rules and guidelines for the lower rates for First-, second-, and third-class barcoded flat-size mail. On June 21, 1991, under 39 U.S.C. 3622 and 3623, the Postal Service asked the Postal Rate Commission (PRC) for a recommended decision on these postage discounts. The PRC issued its recommendation on the filing (Docket MC91-1) on March 19, 1992. On May 4, 1992, the Governors of the Postal Service approved the PRC's recommended rate and classification changes to take effect September 20, 1992. The Postal Service published its proposed rules for public comment in the Federal Register on April 21, 1992 (57 FR 14525-14551), and June 1, 1992 (57 FR 23072). (Postal Bulletin (PB) 21819A (7-16-92).)

Exhibits 121.5 and 121.56 are reduced to save space. No notice of these changes was published.

Section 122.412a clarifies that government agencies may omit the addressee's name and street address or post office box number, as well as city, state, and ZIP Code, from the delivery address on official mail with a simplified address format. Agencies using this format must send the mailing to each stop or possible delivery on city carrier routes or to each post office boxholder at a post office with city carrier service. *Effective September 20, 1992* (PB 21818 (6-25-92)).

Section 122.37 rearranges the rules for addresses on parcels. Exhibits 122.37a and 122.37b are renumbered as Exhibits 122.371 and 122.372. No notice of these revisions was published.

Exhibits 122.63a and 122.63c through 122.63t reflect changes in mail processing operations. These changes include the assignment of 3-digit ZIP Code prefixes 344 and 607. Sections 441.321, 446.36, 646.36, and 769.36 reflect changes in label preparation. Exhibits 624.721 and 722.411 are deleted. Sections 624.72 and 722.4 change the references for these deleted exhibits to Exhibit 122.63s. *Effective July 9, 1992; mandatory September 20, 1992* (PB 21819 (7-9-92); PB 21820 (7-23-92)).

Exhibits 122.63m and 122.63n indicate that customers may order distribution labels for listed sites in the exhibits from the Postal Service Label Printing Center in Topeka, KS. Set numbers 004 and 005 identify the two exhibits. When customers order labels, the Postal Service supplies them in lots of 300 (minimum) for each label. To order these free labels, customers fill in the header data on Form 1578-B, Requisition for Facing Slips or Labels, and show how many labels they need in the detail data lines. *Effective August 6, 1992* (PB 21821 (8-6-92)).

Section 124.336 is added to specify how mailers can obtain authorization to ship cigarette lighters. The authorization includes obtaining approval from the U.S. Department of Transportation. *Effective September 20, 1992* (PB 21818 (6-25-92)).

Sections 124.382e and 124.382f are added to define the terms "sharps" and "other medical devices"; sections 124.385 and 124.386 are renumbered as 124.387 and 124.388; new sections 124.385 and 124.386, both effective December 28, 1992, are added to provide mailers advance notice of changes in packaging standards. New sections 124.385a and 124.386a, effective June 30, 1992, require mailers to send sharps and other medical devices at the First-Class or Priority Mail rates. The renumbering of these sections corrects errors published in

both the Federal Register and the Postal Bulletin. Exhibits 124.385a and 124.385h are added to illustrate the infectious substance label required on the packaging and the information needed for the manifest. *Effective December 26, 1992* (PB 21819 (7-9-92); PB 21820 (7-23-92)).

Section 133.1 permits a mailer to request an expedited oral decision after an acceptance post office issues an adverse classification decision. Postal Bulletin 21794 (7-25-91) had earlier revised section 133.1 on a temporary basis. *Effective September 20, 1992* (PB 21819 (7-9-92)).

Sections 143.134 through 143.137 and 144.114 through 144.117 are added to specify the basic requirements for using precanceled or meter stamps on bulk or presort rate mailings of nonidentical-weight pieces or when the amount of postage does not represent the full postage of the mailpieces to which they are affixed. If precanceled or meter stamps are used representing an amount other than the full and correct postage applicable to the piece, or if used in bulk or presort rate mailings of nonidentical-weight pieces, or if used in mailings where pieces qualify for different discounts or rates, the mailer must provide documentation detailing the contents of the mailing. This documentation must be submitted with each mailing, with provisions for the presentation of only the summary portion if the mailer has repeatedly demonstrated the ability to produce accurate information and mailings. Concurrent revisions are made to sections 381.1, 382.1, 382.26, 382.31, 382.33, 382.34, 382.4, 382.44, 661.1, and 661.21. *Effective May 14, 1992* (PB 21815 (5-14-92)); *effective June 11, 1992* (PB 21817 (6-11-92)).

Part 149, sections 295.22, 295.24, 911.52, and 911.53 simplify the steps and language for filing claims for lost or damaged mail. These revised instructions include guidelines for the new Postal Service Form 1000, Domestic Claim or Registered Mail Inquiry. Sections 295.32, 295.4, 296.2, and 296.3 are deleted; section 295.33 is renumbered as 295.32. Form 1000 replaces Forms 565, 3812, and 5690 for filing claims. *Effective September 20, 1992* (PB 21823 (9-3-92)).

Sections 149.21, 149.222, 149.312, 149.333, and 914.18 extend the waiting period from 45 to 60 days before a customer may file a claim for loss of a COD article. Sections 149.312 and 149.333 were renumbered as 149.243 and 149.261. Changes to these procedures also restrict the filing of a claim to the mailer. This change is consistent with filing procedures for

insured, registered, COD, and Express Mail. The procedures for addressee filing in section 149.333 are thus eliminated, with changes reflected in renumbered section 149.261. The sections cited in this revision are replaced by the complete reorganization of part 149; however, all revisions are included in that reorganization (see entry for part 149). *Effective September 20, 1992* (PB 21821 (8-6-92)).

Sections 153.4, 153.5, and 159.211 clarify that the prohibition on forwarding mail for individuals is applied to all persons and organizations receiving mail at a business address. Such individuals include employees, contractors, clients, and officers of the organization located at that address. Because of the similarity of their provisions, sections 153.4 and 153.5 are combined into 153.4. *Effective September 20, 1992* (PB 21821 (8-6-92)).

Section 153.72 and Exhibit 159.14 clarify that accountable mail is not held indefinitely, pending the resolution of a dispute between parties unable to agree upon a receiver of the mail. Instead, Express Mail, registered, insured, certified, and return receipt for merchandise mail is held for the maximum time according to the sender's instructions and, otherwise, as prescribed in DMM 159.323f and 159.324. *Effective September 20, 1992* (PB 21821 (8-6-92)).

Exhibits 159.151a through 159.151f reference section 122.17 for the required placement and type size of endorsements mailers may print under return addresses. *Effective September 20, 1992* (PB 21822 (8-20-92)).

Section 159.17 is added to clarify that postal employees are not permitted to take undeliverable mail/waste or waste receptacles from postal facilities for personal use or for any use unauthorized by the Postal Service. *Effective September 20, 1992* (PB 21822 (8-20-92)).

Section 164.751 allows customers to request replacements for pictorial cancellations up to 60 days after the date of the cancellation. *Effective September 20, 1992* (PB 21819 (7-9-92)).

Part 222 expands security measures for the mailing of Express Mail Same Day Airport Service. *Effective September 20, 1992* (PB 21821 (8-6-92)).

Part 296 updates the policy for Express Mail postage refunds for shipments not meeting the service commitment marked on Label 11. Originally published numbering was later changed by the complete revision

of part 149. Section 296.2 was deleted and section 296.1 was renumbered as part 296. Effective September 20, 1992 (PB 21820 (7-23-92)).

Exhibits 352 and 752 are renumbered as Exhibits 352.12 and 752.1. No notice of this renumbering was published.

Exhibits 363.33, 441.32, 641.133, and 764.213 are added to illustrate formats for barcoded sack and tray labels. References to these exhibits are added to sections 363.333, 364.11, 365.11, 366.11, 367.211, 441.321g, 447.36, 561.471, 641.133j, 641.224j, 641.423j, 647.225, 764.213g, 767.233g, and 767.333g. No notice of these revisions was published.

Part 369 is amended to permit customers who prepare First-Class Mail to use barcoded sack and tray labels. The revision repeats existing provisions for sacked mailings of second-, third-, and fourth-class mail, although new content identifier codes are added for First-Class Mail. The same set of content identifier codes are used on barcoded tray labels. Exhibit 369.2 is added to show sample tray labels with and without the new zebra code. Parts 446 and 646 are also redesignated as 446.1 and 646.1, respectively, and new sections 446.2 and 646.2 are added to allow preparation of barcoded tray labels for automation-compatible second- and third-class mail, respectively. Exhibits 446.21 and 646.21 are also added to illustrate sample barcoded tray labels. Effective September 20, 1992 (PB 21821 (8-6-92)).

Sections 423.152, 423.232, 423.332, 423.442, 423.532, and 423.632 revise accounting procedures for second-class mail when an application is pending. Effective September 20, 1992 (PB 21818 (6-25-92)).

Sections 423.164a, 423.244a, 423.344a, 423.454a, 423.544a, and 423.644a revise procedures for refunds made to applicants who mail second-class publications while an application is pending and which later becomes authorized. Effective September 20, 1992 (PB 21818 (6-25-92)).

Exhibits 423.221a(3) and 423.431 (p.3) are deleted and replaced with shorter examples in sections 423.221a(3) and 423.422. No notice of these changes was published.

Section 423.621b revises the procedures for news agent registry at an entry post office. No notice of this revision was published.

Sections 424.442, 426.41, 624.717, 722.421, and 722.432 include additional requirements and guidelines for scheduling and depositing second-, third-, and fourth-class drop shipment

mailings. Effective September 20, 1992 (PB 21820 (7-23-92)).

Exhibit 424.783 is deleted to conserve space. Previous references of the sample listing of documentation are made to similar Exhibit 624.883. No notice of this deletion was published.

Section 429.14p is added to allow mailers to imprint impersonal messages on the pages and covers of second-class publications after they are printed. Mailers must not use messages that would require the publications to be sent as First-Class Mail. Effective September 20, 1992 (PB 21821 (8-6-92)).

Sections 441.321, 446.36, 646.36, and 769.36 reflect changes in label preparation. Exhibits 624.721 and 722.411 are deleted. Sections 624.72 and 722.4 change the references to Exhibit 122.63s. Effective September 20, 1992 (PB 21819 (7-9-92)).

Section 441.218 eliminates Exhibit 122.63j as the second reference. No notice of this correction was published.

Section 445.243e(2) is corrected to state that extraneous information is not permitted on or between the lines reserved for Postal Service required information. No notice of this correction was published.

Section 531.162 extends to November 30, 1992, the grace period for Coding Accuracy Support System (CASS) certification of address matching software. Effective September 20, 1992 (PB 21821 (8-6-92); PB 21822 (8-20-92)).

Exhibits 551.3, 561.421a, and 561.421b are revised and resized to save space. No notice of these revisions was published.

Section 576.42 allows mailers to place barcoded flats on the same 5-digit pallets with flats claimed at the carrier route presort and walk-sequence rates if the barcoded rates are not claimed. Effective September 20, 1992 (PB 21823 (9-3-92)).

Section 625.522b provides guidelines for determining whether the coverage for a certain insurance policy is generally not available commercially. Effective June 25, 1992 (PB 21819 (7-9-92)).

Sections 626.21 and 626.23 are revised; a new section 626.24 is added; current sections 626.24, 626.25, and 626.26 are renumbered as 626.25, 626.26, and 626.27, respectively; renumbered 626.25 expedites the application process for organizations already authorized to mail at the special bulk third-class rates and wanting to mail at those rates at an additional post office. Effective September 20, 1992 (PB 21818 (6-25-92)).

Exhibits 641.135, 641.22, 641.4, 644.1, 644.2, 767a, and 767b clarify sacking and packaging instructions for third- and fourth-class mail. No notice of these revisions was published.

Sections 641.2, 644.2, 644.3, and Exhibit 641.22 make the preparation of mailings of machinable third-class parcels and combined mailings of machinable third- and fourth-class parcels consistent with those for the destination bulk mail center (DBMC) rate. In general, the revisions specify that BMC sacks and pallets include auxiliary service facility (ASF) sacks and pallets for mailings claimed at the DBMC rate. The mailer must meet existing volume and labeling requirements and must deposit the mailings as specified for the DBMC rate, if claimed. Sections 641.223, 641.232c, and 767.323 also specify that the second (contents) line of labels on mixed BMC sacks or pallets include the words "Mixed BMC" to distinguish them from other sacks for the same facility that contain only destinating mail. Section 624.72 also clarifies that presorted sacks or pallets of third-class machinable parcels may contain both pieces eligible for and claimed at the DBMC rate and pieces not eligible for or claimed at that rate. Effective September 20, 1992 (PB 21818 (6-25-92)).

Exhibits 641.22, 644.2, and 767b indicate that auxiliary service facilities (ASFs) are also included with regular bulk mail centers (BMCs) when a destination BMC rate is claimed. No notice of these revisions was published.

Section 723.1 permits a mailpiece to contain more than one bound printed matter piece to meet the minimum 1-pound weight required for mailing at the bound printed matter rates of postage. For example, a mailpiece containing two bound catalogs weighing 8 ounces each or one containing four bound directories weighing 4 ounces each would both meet the minimum 1-pound weight. Effective September 20, 1992 (PB 21818 (6-25-92)).

Section 724.1g clarifies guidelines for mailing educational reference charts at the special fourth-class postage rates. Effective September 20, 1992 (PB 21818 (6-25-92)).

Exhibits 919.5a and 919.5b standardize capitalization and punctuation. No notice of these revisions was published.

Section 941.36d provides customers and employees with a direct telephone number for questions about the status of purchased money orders. No notice of this revision was published.

Exhibit 951.222 adds several ZIP Codes for category 1B post office box

rent. Effective July 23, 1992 (PB 21819 (7-9-92); PB 21820 (7-23-92)).

DMM Issue 45 (December 20, 1992)

Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9 at the time of printing of Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) issue 45 do not reflect the comprehensive reorganization and realignment of the internal structure of the U.S. Postal Service begun late in the summer of 1992. Organizational units within the Postal Service were renamed, and the functional duties and responsibilities of those units were rearranged. Internal delegations of authority, reporting relationships, and channels of communication were modified as necessary. The authority delegated by statute or regulation to any official or organizational unit of the Postal Service that is renamed or succeeded because of this reorganization is exercised by the renamed or successor official or unit without specific notice of the change. All currently effective rules, regulations, orders, determinations, rulings, permits, contracts, and similar matters issued or approved by a renamed or succeeded official or unit stay in effect according to their terms until modified, terminated, superseded, set aside, or repealed by the Postal Service. Regulations in the DMM (39 CFR 111.1) reflect such changes in the transmittal letter from a notice published on October 30, 1992, in the Federal Register (57 FR 49200-49201).

Sections 115.94, 115.95, 115.96, 115.97, and 115.98 reorganize information on customs inspection by subject. No notice of this reorganization was published.

Sections 122.17 and 159.151 and Exhibits 122.17 and 122.33 clarify instructions for mailer endorsements. Duplicated text in section 159.151 is deleted or combined with revised section 122.17. Effective December 20, 1992 (PB 21828 (11-12-92)).

Section 122.442 clarifies that address information obtained from post offices under this section applies only to post office boxes, rural routes, and highway contract routes. Effective December 20, 1992 (PB 21828 (11-12-92)).

Exhibits 122.63c through 122.63e, 122.63h, 122.63i through 122.63o, 122.63s, and 122.63t reflect changes in mail processing operations. Effective October 15, 1992; mandatory December 20, 1992 (PB 21826 (10-15-92)).

Section 122.814 corrects the military organization shown in the address example. No notice of this correction was published.

Section 124.385a adds a note to advise employees and customers that the effective date of the requirements for

mailing sharps and other medical devices may change. No notice of this note was published.

Section 125.164 corrects the wording of the mail restriction for military retirees. No notice of this correction was published.

Section 125.2 reflects the actual frequency at which the APO/FPO ZIP Code table is published in the Postal Bulletin. No notice of this revision was published.

Exhibit 137.251a adds to the list of federal agency authorization codes four new agencies: Alaska Natives Commission; National Advisory Council on the Public Service; National Commission on Financial Institution Reform, Recovery and Enforcement; and Presidential Commission on the Assignment of Women in the Armed Forces. The names of three agencies are changed, and two agencies are moved directly under the Executive Office of the President. This amended list reflects other additions, revisions, and deletions of several business reply mail permits, as well as changes to the sampling numbers (RPW) for some agencies. Boldface type indicates these revisions. No notice of these revisions was published.

Section 137.275f(4) permits federal agencies to order smaller quantities of \$1 and \$5 penalty mail stamps. No notice of this revision was published.

Section 138.4 is renumbered as 138.5 and a new section 138.4 is added to incorporate language omitted with the recent reorganization of part 137 regarding official mail. This revision clarifies that absentee balloting materials must not be detained or treated as unpaid mail. Exhibits 138.41 and 138.42 are renumbered as Exhibits 138.51 and 138.52, respectively. Effective October 15, 1992 (PB 21826 (10-15-92)).

Parts 143, 144, and 147; subchapter 310; parts 324, 325, 327, and 328; subchapter 360; part 382; subchapter 410; parts 424, 441, and 447; subchapters 510, 560, 570, and 580; subchapter 610; and parts 624, 628, 647, and 661 amend requirements for preparing letter-size mail at ZIP+4 and ZIP+4 Barcoded rates. This revision consolidates all requirements for automation-based rates into chapter 5. It also amends and adds presort and documentation options to subchapter 560. In addition, letter-size mailings at ZIP+4 rates or ZIP+4 Barcoded rates are required to be prepared under one of these revised options beginning March 21, 1993. The provisions on preparation of letter-size pieces to qualify for ZIP+4 rates and ZIP+4 Barcoded rates in chapters 3, 4, and 6 are eliminated on

March 21, 1993. The revised options in chapter 5 require all letter-size automation rate mailings to be prepared in trays, require the preparation of automated area distribution center (AADC) trays in package-based mailings, and, with ZIP+4 Barcoded rate mailings, require 100 percent ZIP+4 barcoded or delivery point barcoded mail in the part of the mailing sorted to 5-digit ZIP Codes. This revision also moves to chapter 5 the general eligibility and postage payment requirements for both letter-size and flat-size automation rate mailings formerly under chapters 3, 4, and 6. Effective October 5, 1992 (Special Postal Bulletin 21825A (10-8-92)).

Section 144.46 adds the standardized formats for military postage meters. No notice of this addition was published.

Section 153.84 allows mailers of perishable matter to include their own toll-free 1-800 telephone numbers on mailing labels. Mailers endorse the labels "Postmaster: Perishable. If not delivered in 5 days, call 1-800-XXX-XXXX." To ensure that the customer is contacted, a postal employee will prepare a second notice 5 days after the first delivery attempt. In addition, an employee calls the mailer's telephone number printed on the label. The mailer will then notify the addressee by telephone that the item at the post office is perishable and that the customer should pick up the item soon or arrange for delivery. Effective October 29, 1992 (PB 21827 (10-29-92)).

Section 159.441 updates the mailing address for returning undeliverable Canadian mail to the Canada Post Corporation. Effective October 29, 1992 (PB 21827 (10-29-92)).

Sections 164.31 and 164.32 are revised to incorporate new Exhibits 164.31 and 164.32. No notice of this revision was published.

Section 164.77b permits temporary philatelic stations at military post offices overseas on an exceptional basis. No notice of this revision was published.

Section 224.222b eliminates references to Form 3849-C, Express Mail—Notice of Attempted Delivery. That form is incorporated in the revised Form 3849, Delivery Notice/Reminder/Receipt. Effective December 20, 1992 (PB 21824 (9-17-92); PB 21826 (10-15-92)).

Sections 366.15, 531.1, 531.2, 532.22, 532.32, 532.33, 533, 534.4, and 551.12 revise Coding Accuracy Support System (CASS) certification procedures for testing the accuracy of delivery point coding (DPC) software and two-digit DPC utilities rather than address matching software with the limited

capability of verifying and assigning ZIP+4 codes only. Effective October 30, 1992 (PB 21828 (11-12-92)).

Exhibits 441a, 441b, 551.122, 561.422a, 561.422b, 561.431, 561.432, 641.122, and 917.593 are modified or resized to present information in easier-to-follow formats. No notice of these revisions was published.

Exhibits 446.21 and 646.21 show actual barcodes corresponding to the addresses. No notice of this revision was published.

Sections 551.33, 551.34, and 917.533b relax the requirements for the printing of barcode bar widths and horizontal spacing to accommodate mechanical impact printers producing barcodes. No notice of these revisions was published.

Section 551.522 makes the specifications for baseline shift of barcodes consistent for both letter-size and flat-size mail. The baseline shift for the individual bars of a POSTNET barcode on a flat-size mailpiece is 0.015 inch. Exhibit 551.5 is revised to reflect this change. Effective October 15, 1992 (PB 21826 (10-15-92)).

Section 551.732 corrects from 1/25 inch to 3/16 inch the permitted distance between a ZIP+4 barcode and the bottom edge of the mailpiece. No notice of this correction was published.

Part 553 is added to provide manufacturers and vendors with information about optional certification of barcoding software and hardware. Effective December 20, 1992 (PB 21828 (11-12-92)).

Section 573.274b corrects line 2 to read "Class of contents, followed by FLTS 5D BARCODE WKG" rather than "FCM followed by FLTS 5D BARCODE WKG" to reflect the availability of residual sacking for second- and third-class mail bearing 5-digit barcodes only. No notice of this correction was published.

Sections 611.221 and 663.123 change the breakpoint for nonletter-size special bulk third-class rate mail. Exhibits 611.2a, 611.2e, 611.2f, and 611.2g reflect the increase in special bulk third-class rates for flats. Rates for this category were increased because of the Postal Service Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1992. Effective 12:01 a.m., October 4, 1992 (PB 21824 (9-17-92)).

Sections 664.25, 664.431, 664.452, 664.51, 664.53, and part 665 require mailers to use Forms 3602-PV and 8125-PV for plant-verified drop shipments not processed by the Multiple Entry Point Payment System (MEPPS). Effective December 20, 1992 (PB 21823 (9-3-92)).

Sections 917.51, 917.525, 917.527, 917.53, 917.55, and 917.56 incorporate terms commonly used for automation-

compatible letter-size mailpiece specifications. This revision also provides consistency between the requirements for automation-based bulk rate mailings and business reply mail (BRM). Effective December 20, 1992 (PB 21828 (11-12-92)).

DMM Issue 46 (July 1, 1993)

General

Except as described below, no substantive changes are intended in this revision of the standards governing domestic mail services. Customers and employees who think that a substantive change has been made in a mailing standard may obtain an interpretation of that standard by using the procedures in I010.

Armed Forces Free Mail Privileges

E030.2.4 (former DMM 134.222) extends free mail privileges for military personnel assigned to the United States Central Command and serving in Somalia, Kenya, Djibouti, and adjacent coastal waters. This privilege also applies to service members hospitalized from wounds or injuries received while deployed with Operation Restore Hope. Effective December 18, 1992 (PB 21832 (1-7-93)).

Barcode Specifications

C840.3.4 (former DMM 551.34) makes specifications for the horizontal spacing of bars within a barcode more compatible with the reading capability of Postal Service automated barcode sorters and multiline optical character readers. Effective April 1, 1993 (PB 21838 (4-1-93)).

Chickens

C023.3.3 and C023.3.4 (former DMM 124.632a) eliminate the rule that adult chickens shipped by Express Mail must be enclosed in biologically secure containers. Effective March 21, 1993 (PB 21829 (11-26-93)).

Claims Adjudication

S010.3.5, S010.4.0, and S010.5.0 (former DMM 149.42, 149.52, 149.53, 149.61, and 149.64) transfer the responsibility for adjudicating indemnity claims appeals from the former Office of Classification and Rates Administration to the Consumer Advocate. No notice of this revision was published.

Congressional Mailings

A040.4.2 (former DMM 122.452a) implements Public Law 102-392, which restricts mailings from members of the House of Representatives that are sent under the congressional frank and alternative address to the district that

elected those members. Effective October 1, 1992 (PB 21831 (12-24-92)).

Delivery Point Barcode for Automation Rates

C810, C830, C840, E142, E144, E147, E148, E242, E244, E342, E344, M812, M813, M814, M815, M816, M817, M818, and M819 (former DMM 312.2, 313.7, 313.8, 325, 411.126, 424.843, 514, 515, 517.1, 531.1, 534, 541, 542, 545.4, 546.1, 551, 552.1, 628.21, and related rate charts and tables) require mailers to apply a delivery point barcode to any letter-size mailpiece claimed at the Barcoded rates. This change does not affect mailings prepared for flat-size Barcoded rates, courtesy reply mail, or business reply mail. Business reply mail may not bear a delivery point barcode. The implementing changes include mail sortation standards for both ZIP+4 rate and letter-size Barcoded rate mailings. Effective March 21, 1993 (PB 21837 (3-18-93)).

Labeling List Changes

L002, L003, L004, L101, L201, L202, L203, L701, L702, L703, L704, L705, L706, L707, L708, L801, L802, L803, and L804 (former DMM Exhibits 122.63b through 122.63t) reflect changes in mail processing operations. In L003, Los Angeles, CA 900, was deleted; there were no other deletions. Effective January 7, 1993; mandatory March 21, 1993 (PB 21832 (1-7-93)).

L803 and L804 (former DMM Exhibit 122.63o and Exhibit 122.63t) note that customers may order distribution labels for sites shown in these lists from the USPS Label Printing Center in Topeka, KS. Set numbers 006 and 007 identify L803 and L804. When customers order labels, the Postal Service supplies them in lots of 300 (minimum) for each label. To order these free labels, customers fill in the header data on Form 1578-B, Requisition for Facing Slips or Labels, and write in how many labels they need on the detail data lines. Effective February 4, 1993 (PB 21834 (2-4-93)).

L101, L201, L701, L801, L802, and L803 (former DMM Exhibits 122.63e through 122.63g and 122.63m through 122.63o) reflect additional changes in mail processing operations. There were no deletions. Effective April 1, 1993; mandatory May 30, 1993 (PB 21838 (4-1-93)).

Pallet Weight Minimum

M041.4.2, M042, M043, and M044 (former DMM 445.24, 445.44, 644.14, Exhibit 644.1, 644.22, 644.44, 767.53, and 767.62) allow mailers to use either 500 or 650 pounds as the minimum mail load for all second-, third-, and fourth-class mailings on pallets. The same

minimum (500 or 650 pounds) applies to all pallets in a single mailing, except that up to 10 percent of the pallets may contain less than the 500- or 650-pound minimum. Effective April 1, 1993 (PB 21838 (4-1-93)).

Return Receipts

A010.4.2, A010.4.3, and S915.2.1 (former DMM 932.31) specify that if a return receipt is used, the mailpiece may have the return address of either the mailer or mailer's agent. The name and address of the person or organization to which the receipt is to be returned by mail must be that of the mailer or the mailer's agent. Effective April 15, 1993 (PB 21839 (4-15-93)).

SDC Pallets for Second-Class Copalletization

M042 and M043 (former DMM 424.861 and 445.342) allow mailers who prepare copalletized second-class mailings the option of preparing state distribution center (SDC) pallets. Effective November 26, 1992 (PB 21829 (11-26-92)).

Sexually Oriented Mail Form

C032.4.1 and C032.6.4 (former DMM 123.541, 123.543, and 123.565) require postmasters to send all completed Forms 2201, Application for Listing Pursuant to 39 USC 3010, to the National Customer Support Center. Effective February 18, 1993 (PB 21835 (2-18-93)).

Sharps and Medical Devices

C042.8.5, Exhibit C042.8.5a, and Exhibit C042.8.5h (former DMM section 124.385, Exhibit 124.385a, Exhibit 124.385h, section 124.382e, and section 124.388) incorporate new labeling and manifesting standards for mailing sharps and other medical devices. These standards reduce the paperwork required for mailing this material without compromising safety standards. Effective March 21, 1993 (PB 21829 (11-26-92)).

Stickers on Publications

C200.4.3 (former DMM 429.14) permits stickers as acceptable additions to second-class publications. The stickers may be of any shape, but they must be affixed completely to the front cover. They may be used for any purpose, including advertising. Effective April 1, 1993 (PB 21838 (4-1-93)).

Tray Availability for Automation Rate Mail

M033 (former DMM 561.2) allows mailers to tray pieces more than 4½ inches high or 10½ inches long in standard managed mail (MM) trays if

extended MM trays are not available. Mailers are also allowed to use sacks instead of trays for presorted automation rate mailings of First-, second-, and third-class letter-size mail. Effective January 21, 1993 (PB 21833 (1-21-93)).

ZIP+4 Barcoded Flats Option

E145, E245, E345, M823, M825 (former DMM 325.12, 424.62, 445.223, 445.224, 445.233, 445.234, 445.243, 445.25, 445.323, 445.324, 445.333, 445.334, 445.343, 445.35, 445.42, 445.432, 445.433, 516, 571.1, 571.2, 571.3, 572.14, 572.22, 572.231, 574.1, 574.3, 575.2, 575.3, 576.2, 576.3, 576.4, 578.1, 578.2, 578.3, 628.22, 644.1, 644.42, 644.43, and 644.44) add an optional preparation method that requires a finer sort of flat-size ZIP+4 Barcoded rate mailings into 5-digit packages that are 100 percent ZIP+4 barcoded or delivery point barcoded and 5-digit packages that are not barcoded. This option requires that mailers suppress the printing of any barcode on pieces in the nonbarcoded 5-digit packages. Effective January 21, 1993 (PB 21833 (1-21-93)).

ZIP+4 Barcoded Flats, 85 Percent Rule

E145, E147, E245, E345 (former DMM 516.31 and 574.32) temporarily relax the 85 percent ZIP+4 or delivery point barcode standard for barcoded flats mailings. There are two options for preparing these mailings. Under the first option, at least 85 percent of the pieces in a mailing must have a correct ZIP+4 or delivery point barcode. All other pieces must have a 5-digit barcode. Under the first option, mailers may qualify Barcoded flats rate mailings if at least 80 percent of the pieces in the mailing have a ZIP+4 or delivery point barcode and all remaining pieces have 5-digit barcodes. This temporary standard expires on October 1, 1993. Under the second option, flats must be more finely sorted at the 5-digit level and barcodes must be suppressed in certain cases. There is no minimum percentage of ZIP+4 or delivery point barcoded pieces to qualify. Under this second option, mailers must prepare two types of 5-digit packages: 5-digit packages with 100 percent of the pieces ZIP+4 or delivery point barcoded and 5-digit packages with no barcodes of any kind. Under the second option the standards do not change. Effective April 1, 1993 (PB 21838 (4-1-93)).

Zone Chart Exhibit

Exhibit E450.1.5 (former DMM Exhibit 722.44) corrects several zone chart label numbers. Effective March 21, 1993 (PB 21830 (12-10-92)).

DMM Issue 47 (April 10, 1994)

Barcoded Flats, ADC Sacks

M823.4.7e and the title of L101 clarify that second- and third-class flat-size Barcoded rate mailings may be sorted to ADC sacks using the ADC list in L101. Effective November 25, 1993 (PB 21855 (11-25-93)).

Checks for Bulk Mail

P040.5.5 (renumbered as P040.5.6) allows business mail entry units to accept checks for bulk mail. Effective September 2, 1993 (PB 21849 (9-2-93)).

Classroom Publications

E273.1.4 (renumbered as E270.5.4) and P013.3.3 clarify procedures for computing postage for outside-county rate classroom publications. Effective December 9, 1993 (PB 21856 (12-9-93)).

Combined Rate Mailings

E238, E312, M041, M042, M043, M201, M202, M203, M302, M303, P014, and P760 allow second- and third-class mailers to prepare combined mailings of regular rate and special rate mailpieces. Effective November 11, 1993 (PB 21854 (11-11-93)).

Contents Identifier Codes

Exhibit M032.1.3a and Exhibit M032.1.3c are added to show the format and three-digit contents identifier codes for barcoded sack and tray labels. Effective May 13, 1993 (PB 21841 (5-13-93) and 21845 (7-8-93)).

Digest-Size Flats, Barcode Discounts

C820.1.4 is revised to include the dimensions for digest-size flat mail under the processing category of flats to allow mailers to receive discounted rates and enhanced service for this mail. Effective November 1, 1993 (PB 21851 (9-30-93)).

Enclosures, Second-Class Mail

C200.3.0 permits a single sheet of printed matter containing information related exclusively to a receipt or order (or request) for a subscription to a second-class publication to be included with the receipt or order (or request). Effective August 19, 1993 (PB 21848 (8-19-93)).

Facsimiles

P012, P040, P100, P200, P300, and P400 clarify the correct approval and use of facsimile mailing statements. Effective November 25, 1993 (PB 21855 (11-25-93)).

Labeling List Changes

L201, L202, and L203 reflect that all second-class operations for the Chicago area were moved to the Chicago Second-

Class Metro Processing Facility at the Chicago Bulk Mail Center. Effective May 29, 1993; mandatory July 18, 1993 (PB 21841 (5-13-93)).

L001, L003, L004, L101, L201 through L203, L701 through L708, and L801 through L804 reflect changes in mail processing operations. In L203, 995-999 (AK) was deleted; in L705, 006-007, 009 (BMC New Jersey NJ 10000²) and 006-007, 009 (BMC Jacksonville FL 32099³) were deleted; in L706, 995-999 was deleted; and in L707, 995-999 was deleted. Effective October 14, 1993; mandatory December 18, 1993 (PB 21852 (10-14-93); PB 21855 (11-25-93)).

L002 is revised to consolidate and replace L002, L003, and L004. This list consolidates all labeling requirements for unique 3-digit ZIP Code prefix offices, SCFs serving a single 3-digit ZIP Code area, and SCFs serving more than one 3-digit ZIP Code area. Effective April 10, 1994 (PB 21855 (11-25-93)).

L002, L702, L704, L706, L803, and L804 reflect additional changes in mail processing operations. Effective December 23, 1993; mandatory March 1, 1994 (PB 21857 (12-23-93)).

Mail Security

G011 references Administrative Support Manual 274, which now contains the rules on mail security formerly in G012. Effective January 6, 1994 (PB 21858 (1-6-94)).

Mailing Statements, Third-Class Carrier Route and 3/5 Presort

D300, M302, and M303 allow third-class mailers to report a carrier route presort mailing and a separate 3/5 presort rate mailing on the same mailing statement if (1) the mailings are presented at the same time and are part of the same job; (2) the "Carrier Route Presort" or "CAR-RT SORT" endorsement is placed only on carrier route rate pieces. Effective November 11, 1993 (PB 21854 (11-11-93)).

Meter Date Corrections, Barcoded Mail

P030.4.12 allows mailers to correct meter dates with ink jet printers on preaddressed letter-size mailpieces in barcoded mailings as an alternative to redating with a .00 postage meter impression. Effective August 19, 1993 (PB 21848 (8-19-93)).

Optional Endorsement Line, EX3C, BBM/SPMS

M013.1.2, M013.2.1, M013.2.4, and M303.1.6 allow format exceptions for mailings in the External Third-Class Mail (EX3C) measurement system or Bulk Business Mail/Service Performance Measurement System

(BBM/SPMS). Effective December 9, 1993 (PB 21856 (12-9-93)).

Palletization by Type

M040 allows mailers to palletize all eligible mailings of the same preparation type produced at a single location. Effective September 2, 1993 (PB 21849 (9-2-93)).

Penalty Indicia

E060 revises use of the standard penalty indicia; most agencies may no longer use the indicia. Effective October 1, 1993 (PB 21858 (1-6-94)).

Perforating Stamps

P022 is corrected to restore the standard for marking postage stamps with perforation holes. Effective July 1, 1993 (PB 21852 (10-14-93)).

Permit Imprint, Enclosures

P040.1.7 clarifies that an enclosure may bear a permit imprint if postage for neither the host piece nor the enclosure is paid by that permit imprint, and if the enclosure is not prohibited by other DMM standards. Effective January 6, 1994 (PB 21858 (1-6-94)).

Permit Imprint, Priority Mail Drop Shipment

P072.2.4 allows the Priority Mail portion of a Priority Mail drop shipment to be paid by permit imprint under the Manifest Mailing System, Optional Procedure Mailing System, or Alternate Mailing Systems. Effective August 19, 1993 (PB 21848 (8-19-93)).

Preferred Postage Rate Changes

E419, R200, R300, and R400 reflect changes to some preferred postage rates under the Revenue Forgone Reform Act signed into law on October 28, 1993. These rates changed effective 12:01 a.m., November 21, 1993. Effective November 21, 1993 (PB 21854 (11-11-93)).

Privately Printed Forms

S900 amends requirements for customers who print forms privately for accountable mail. Effective January 6, 1994 (PB 21858 (1-6-94)).

Residual Mail, ZIP+4 and Barcoded

M810, M820, and new L805 revise tray labeling standards for residual mail in letter-size ZIP+4 rate mailings and the tray and sack label standards for letter-size and flat-size Barcoded rate mailings. Effective December 23, 1993 (PB 21857 (12-23-93)).

Rigid Flats

C820.4.1 allows some rigid flat-size mailpieces to qualify for ZIP+4

Barcoded rates for flats. Effective December 23, 1993 (PB 21857 (12-23-93)).

Second-Class Entry

D230 changes procedures for the application for second-class additional entry, reentry, or special rate requests. Effective December 9, 1993 (PB 21856 (12-9-93)).

Stamp Conversion

P014.1.7 revises procedures for converting stamps into metered postage or permit imprint advance deposit accounts. Effective September 16, 1993 (PB 21850 (9-16-93)).

USPS Penalty Mail

E060 revises USPS use of the standard penalty indicia, penalty permit imprint, and penalty business reply mail. Effective January 20, 1994 (PB 21859 (1-20-94)).

DMM Issue 48 (January 1, 1995)

New Postal Rates and Fees

Module R reflects changes in domestic postal rates and fees for various classes and services as directed by the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service on recommendations from the Postal Rate Commission. As requested by the Board on December 12, 1994, the USPS implemented these changes at 12:01 a.m. on Sunday, January 1, 1995. Special Postal Bulletin 21883A (1-1-95) was the first official document to contain full charts of these new domestic postal rates and fees. Effective January 1, 1995 (PB 21883A (1-1-95)).

Address Adjustments

F010.2.0 clarifies the types of adjustments to mailing addresses that the USPS may make and the time periods for delivering mail improperly addressed because of these adjustments. Effective December 12, 1994 (PB 21882 (12-8-94)).

Barcoded Tray Labels

M032.1.0 shows the correct minimum and maximum length for tray labels. Effective August 4, 1994; mandatory October 8, 1994 (PB 21873 (8-4-94)).

Carrier Route—APO/FPO

M102.3.2, M103.3.2, M203.3.2, M303.3.7, M403.4.2, and M406.2.2 permit mail meeting eligibility standards in E132, E230, E333, or E414 that is addressed to military post offices overseas to be eligible for carrier route presort rates. Effective September 1, 1994 (PB 21875 (9-1-94)).

Carrier Route—Information Codes

M013, M014, and M303 reflect new formats for carrier route identifiers in the Address Management System ZIP+4 Data Base (AMSII). Effective June 9, 1994; mandatory September 2, 1995 (PB 21869 (6–9–94)).

Carrier Route—Sack, Tray, Pallet Labels

M031.5.0, M102.3.0, and M203.3.3 standardize the route abbreviations for the second line of carrier route sack, tray, and pallet labels. The abbreviations are consistent with the format for carrier route identifiers in the new Address Management System ZIP+4 Data Base (AMSII). Effective September 29, 1994; mandatory September 2, 1995 (PB 21877 (9–29–94)).

Controlled Substances

C023.6.8 and C023.6.9 remove a provision that restricts use of the mails to carry prescription medicine containing narcotic drugs. This revision is in accord with the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. 801 et seq., and its implementing regulations in 21 CFR 1300 et seq. Effective October 5, 1994 (PB 21879 (10–27–94)).

DBMC Parcels Bedloading

E450.2.1 sets a minimum volume for presenting bedloaded parcels at the destination bulk mail center (DBMC) parcel post rates. Effective March 31, 1994 (PB 21864 (3–31–94)).

Deposit and Delivery of Mail

D042.1.7, D500.4.0, D910, D920, D930, P070.6.2, S911.4.1, S912.3.0, S913.3.0, S915.3.0, S916.3.0, S917.3.0, S921.4.0 revise standards for the deposit of mail by Express Mail or Priority Mail drop shipment, the delivery of accountable mail, and the conditions of post office box service, general delivery, and firm holdout service. Effective July 3, 1994 (October 2, 1994, for D042.1.7 and D930.2.0) (PB 21870 (6–23–94)).

D042.1.7 and D920.1.0 correct references to the 5-day retention period for Express Mail after notice to the addressee, include a statement affirming the availability of caller service to former firm holdout customers, and include the authority for postmasters to except former firm holdout customers from the otherwise applicable requirement that their mail show a post office box (caller service) number in the address. Effective October 2, 1994 (PB 21873 (8–4–94)).

Destination SCFs

E350.6.1 corrects a reference error to destination sectional center facilities (DSCFs) listed in L002. Effective June 23, 1994 (PB 21870 (6–23–94)).

Detached Address Labels

A060 standardizes the different uses of detached address labels. Effective December 13, 1994 (PB 21877 (9–29–94)).

Drop Shipment Endorsement—Metered Mail

D072.4.2 provides authorized alternative formats for markings on dropshipped metered mail. Customers may print a numeric ZIP Code in place of the mailing office name, or they may abbreviate the endorsement if desired. Effective September 29, 1994 (PB 21877 (9–29–94)).

Express Mail Claims

S010.2.12a(3) corrects the amount shown for the maximum payable indemnity for nonnegotiable documents for Express Mail that cannot be reconstructed from \$50,000 to \$5,000. Effective with DMM issue 47 (4–10–94) (PB 21869 (6–9–94)).

Label Abbreviations

M031.4.9, M042.5.0, and M043.5.5 eliminate inconsistencies in the abbreviations authorized for the second line information on pallet labels. Effective July 7, 1994 (PB 21871 (7–7–94)).

Labeling List Changes

L203 and L803 correct typographical errors found after the printing of DMM issue 47 (4–10–94). Postal Bulletin 21852 (10–14–93) correctly showed the labeling changes for L203 and L803. Effective October 14, 1993; mandatory December 18, 1993 (PB 21867 (5–12–94)).

L002, L101, L201, L203, L701, L706, L707, L801, L802, L803, and L804 reflect changes in mail processing operations. Effective June 23, 1994; mandatory August 20, 1994 (PB 21870 (6–23–94)).

L102, ADC Labeling List for Presorted Priority Mail, is added to show the area distribution centers (ADCs) handling Presorted Priority Mail. Effective July 7, 1994 (PB 21871 (7–7–94)).

L002 and L102 correct typographical errors published in Postal Bulletin 21870 and 21871, respectively. Effective August 4, 1994 (PB 21873 (8–4–94)). L002, L101, L102, L701, L702, L703, L704, L705, L708, and L804 reflect changes in mail processing operations. Effective October 1, 1994; mandatory November 12, 1994 (PB 21876 (9–15–94)).

L101 and L701 correct information published in Postal Bulletin 21876 (9–15–94). Effective September 29, 1994; mandatory November 12, 1994 (PB 21877 (9–29–94)).

L002, L101, L201, L203, L701, L706, L801, and L803 reflect changes in mail processing operations. Effective November 10, 1994; mandatory January 7, 1995 (PB 21880 (11–10–94)).

L002 and L701 reflect changes in mail processing operations. Effective November 24, 1994; mandatory January 14, 1995 (PB 21881 (11–24–94)).

Machinable Parcels—3/5 Presort

E332, M302, and M305 clarify language for the rate eligibility standards that apply to machinable parcels prepared to qualify for the third-class 3/5 presort rate. Effective August 4, 1994 (PB 21873 (8–4–94)).

Merchandise Return Service—Pickup Service

D010.2.0, S923.3.2, and S923.5.6 allow shippers using merchandise return service to authorize pickup service for their customers and indicate the applicable pickup fee to be included with the other postage and fees paid when the mail is returned. Effective May 26, 1994 (PB 21868 (5–26–94)).

Military Mail

E060.5.6 and E060.5.7 authorize postage-penalty mail for a military unit engaged in hostile operations or operating under arduous conditions. Effective May 26, 1994 (PB 21868 (5–26–94)).

Money Orders

S020 reorganizes and consolidates existing standards and removes internal postal procedures. Effective January 1, 1995 (PB 21873 (8–4–94)).

Official Mail

E060 reflects the change in postage payment for federal agencies since October 1, 1993 (through January 1, 1995, for a few exempted agencies), that all mail from federal agencies placed in a collection box or presented to a delivery employee must bear stamps, meter strips, or have meter impressions directly on the mail. Effective January 1, 1995 (PB 21882 (12–8–94)).

Palletized Mailings

M042.4.1 and M042.5.3 allow second-class mailers to prepare 5-digit pallets with a minimum load of 250 pounds each in mailings of palletized packages. These pallets need not be considered when determining whether a mailer exceeds the allowable 10 percent limit for all other pallets in a mailing that may weigh less than a minimum of 500 or 650 pounds. Effective January 20, 1994 (PB 21859 (1–20–94)).

E230.1.4 adds information contained in former DMM 424.813 and

inadvertently omitted when DMM issue 46 was released on July 1, 1993. Effective September 15, 1994 (PB 21876 (9-15-94)).

Penalty Meters

E060.8.1 (renumbered as E060.7.1) corrects the internal references because of previous renumbering when DMM issue 46 was released (7-1-93). Effective July 7, 1994 (PB 21871 (7-7-94)).

Priority Mail Presort

L102 and M101.2.0 extend eligibility for Presorted Priority Mail rates to pieces presorted to area distribution center (ADC) destinations. Effective July 7, 1994 (PB 21871 (7-7-94); PB 21873 (8-4-94)).

Private Express Statutes

G011.4.6 and G011.4.7 reflect the shift of administrative responsibilities for the Private Express Statutes from the Postal Inspection Service to the Chicago Rates and Classification Service Center. Effective November 24, 1994 (PB 21881 (11-24-94)).

Second-Class Mail—Postage Payment

P200 removes duplicate information about documentation and the Centralized Postage Payment (CPP) System. Effective January 1, 1995 (PB 21868 (5-26-94)).

Special Rates—Eligibility Restrictions

E370.5.0 retains existing restrictions on advertising for insurance, travel, and financial promotions. The Postal Service will delay implementation of standards for special bulk third-class content-based restrictions enacted in the Revenue Forgone Reform Act published in Postal Bulletin 21867 (5-12-94). Effective August 18, 1994 (PB 21874 (8-18-94)).

Special Rates—Second- and Third-Class Mail

R200.2.0, R200.3.0, R200.4.0, and R300.6.0 were revised to reflect annual changes for special rates as mandated by the Revenue Forgone Reform Act signed into law on October 28, 1993. The Postal Service Board of Governors directed implementation of these changes for 12:01 a.m. on October 2, 1994. Effective October 2, 1994 (PB 21871 (7-7-94)).

Special Rates—Second-Class Publications

E270.2.3 and E270.5.4 include standards defining the rate applicable to the advertising portion of second-class publications authorized to claim nonprofit or classroom rates. Effective October 13, 1994 (PB 21878 (10-13-94); PB 21880 (11-10-94)).

Third-Class Mail—3/5 Presort, Carrier Route, and Walk-Sequence

E332.1.4, E333.1.3, E334.1.4, and P300.2.1 align reporting standards with similar standards revised under Postal Bulletin 21854 (11-11-93). Effective May 26, 1994 (PB 21868 (5-26-94)).

Undeliverable Mail

F010 corrects typographical errors in DMM issue 47 (4-10-94) to show USPS procedures for handling undeliverable First-Class Mail, Priority Mail, and Express Mail during months 13 through 18 after the expiration of a forwarding order. Effective May 26, 1994 (PB 21868 (5-26-94); PB 21869 (6-9-94)).

Voting Registration Officials

E370.3.0 and E370.5.0 are revised as a result of the enactment of Public Law 103-31, the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, and the addition of section 3629 to title 39, United States Code. The revision authorizes voting registration officials to mail certain third-class matter at the special bulk third-class rates. Effective January 1, 1995 (PB 21882 (12-8-94)).

Walk-Sequenced Third-Class Mail

M304.1.3 and M304.3.2 require an identifying marking on each piece of walk-sequenced bulk third-class mail. Effective December 10, 1994 (PB 21875 (9-1-94)).

ZIP+4 Barcoded Mailings—AADC Trays

M815.3.4c changes the position of the term LTRS on the second line of qualifying tray labels for AADC trays to be consistent with other tray labels. Effective June 12, 1994 (PB 21865 (4-14-94)).

ZIP+4 Barcoded Mailings—Residuals

E240, E340, E350, M013, M020, M812, M813, M814, M815, and M816 change the standards for preparing the residual portion of second- and third-class letter-size automation rate mailings. This revision includes an optional procedure for preparing the residual portion of First-Class ZIP+4 and barcoded letter-size mail and changes to Line 2 of AADC tray labels for letter-size mail. Effective May 8, 1994; mandatory June 12, 1994 (PB 21864 (3-31-94); PB 21865 (4-14-94)).

DMM Issue 49 (September 1, 1995)

Addressing—Z4CHANGE

A950.1.3, A950.3.1, and A950.3.2 permit mailers to use a new process called Z4CHANGE for address matching and coding to qualify address lists for automation mailings. Effective May 11, 1995 (PB 21893 (5-11-95)).

Annual Fees—Advance Payment

E110.6.1, E312.2.6, E312.2.7, E411.4.0, E412.4.1, E412.4.2, E416.2.0, S922.3.3, and S923.3.1 clarify the standards for advance payment of annual permit, mailing, and accounting fees. Effective January 5, 1995 (PB 21884 (1-5-95)).

Barcoded Mail—“Heavy” Letters

C810.1.5, C810.2.3, C840.2.2, C840.2.3, C840.2.9, C840.6.2, C840.6.3, E144.1.2, E144.1.3, E144.1.4, E144.1.5, E144.1.6, E147.1.1, E244.1.2, E244.1.3, E244.1.4, E244.1.5, E244.1.6, E344.1.2, E344.1.3, E344.1.4, E344.1.5, E344.1.6, M814.1.9, M815.1.7, M816.1.7, and R100 reflect changes for USPS testing and accepting barcoded letter mail exceeding 3.0 ounces as follows: First-Class and second-class rates (between 3.0 and 3.4383 ounces), regular bulk third-class rates (between 3.0 and 3.3071 ounces), and special bulk third-class rates (between 3.0 and 3.4383 ounces). Effective January 16, 1995 (PB 21884 (1-5-95); PB 21886 (2-2-95)).

Barcoded Mail—Pieces Without DPBCS

C840.2.2, C840.2.4, C840.6.0, C840.7.1, E142.1.1, E142.1.3, E144.1.1, E144.1.4, E144.2.1, E144.2.2, E144.2.3, E145.1.1, E145.1.2, E145.1.4, E145.2.1, E145.2.2, E147.1.1, E147.1.2, E147.1.3, E147.1.6, E148.1.1, E148.1.3, E149.1.1, E149.1.2, E149.1.4, E242.1.1, E242.1.2, E242.1.3, E242.1.6, E242.2.1, E242.2.2, E244.1.1, E244.1.3, E244.1.4, E244.2.1, E244.2.2, E244.2.3, E245.1.1, E245.1.2, E245.1.4, E245.2.1, E245.2.2, E245.2.3, E342.1.1, E342.1.2, E342.1.3, E342.1.6, E342.2.1, E342.2.2, E344.1.1, E344.1.3, E344.1.4, E344.2.1, E344.2.2, E344.2.3, E345.1.1, E345.1.2, E345.1.4, E345.2.1, and E345.2.2 consolidate and clarify the standards for pieces in Barcoded rate letter-size mailings, particularly for pieces without a delivery point barcode (DPBC) that must have a barcode clear zone. To qualify for any automation rate, any piece with a barcode window must have a DPBC appearing through that window. Lower right ZIP+4 barcodes are permitted only in mailings where the DPBC appears in the lower right corner of the pieces. The abbreviation “DPBC” replaces the term “delivery point barcode[d]” throughout these revised sections. Effective March 2, 1995 (PB 21888 (3-2-95)).

BRM Format

S922.6.7 shows that the business reply mail (BRM) format element “FIRST-CLASS MAIL PERMIT NO.” requires a hyphen between “FIRST” and “CLASS.” Effective April 13, 1995 (PB 21891 (4-13-95)).

BRMAS Cards

S922.7.2 clarifies the application of the aspect ratio standard to card-size mailpieces prepared for return under the Business Reply Mail Accounting System (BRMAS). Effective February 2, 1995 (PB 21886 (2-2-95)).

Carrier Release Endorsement

D042.7.0, M011.4.1, and M011.4.3 clarify current policy for placing the endorsement used with the carrier release program. Effective February 2, 1995 (PB 21886 (2-2-95)).

Carrier Route Presort—Traying Letters

E230.2.1, E230.7.2, E230.8.2, E333.3.1, E334.1.4, M203.1.4, M203.2.2, M203.3.1, M203.3.2, M203.3.3, M203.3.4, M302.1.2, M302.3.1, M302.4.1, M302.4.2, M302.4.3, M303.1.2, M303.2.2, M303.2.5, M303.3.1, M303.3.2, M303.3.3, M303.3.4, M303.3.5, M303.3.6, and M303.4.2 permit mailers to use trays for second- and third-class carrier route presort mailings of letter-size pieces. The use of trays instead of sacks for carrier route presort letter-size mail does not extend to the provisions in M040 for palletization of sacks. M308 is deleted. Effective March 2, 1995 (PB 21888 (3-2-95)).

Forms 3541-C and 3541-E

Exhibits E216.5.1 and E216.5.2 (Forms 3541-C and 3541-E, respectively) are eliminated and the forms are published in the Postal Bulletin for local reproduction. Effective July 20, 1995 (PB 21898 (7-20-95)).

Forwarding—Official Orders

F020.2.6 clarifies the standards for forwarding mail to persons relocating because of official military orders. Effective February 2, 1995 (PB 21886 (2-2-95)).

Fourth-Class Mail—Commingling Zone-Rated Pieces

M044.3.5, M044.4.6, M401.2.0, M402.1.3, M406.1.2, M407.1.5, M407.2.1, M407.3.1, M407.3.2, and M408.1.0 include consolidated standards under which mailers of zone-rated fourth-class mail may commingle correctly presorted pieces for different zones in the same sack or on the same pallet. The documentation provided with such mailings must enable verification of postage computation and payment. Effective February 2, 1995 (PB 21886 (2-2-95)).

Hazardous Matter

C023 reorganizes and clarifies (without substantive changes) the standards for mailing hazardous matter.

Effective April 27, 1995 (PB 21892 (4-27-95)).

Labeling Instructions

M073.3.2, M101.2.9, M102.3.2, M103.3.2, M201.3.2, M202.3.2, M203.3.2, M302.3.7, M303.3.7, M305.2.3, M402.3.2, M403.4.2, M404.3.2, M406.2.2, M812.2.2, M813.3.3, M814.2.2, M815.3.3, M816.3.3, and M823.4.7 consolidate the instructions for Line 1 information on labels for sacks and trays of military mail prepared for carrier route and 5-digit presort levels. A single instruction is added to M031.1.2, which is cited in the above-referenced sections to replace previous detailed wording. Effective March 2, 1995 (PB 21888 (3-2-95)).

Labeling List Changes

L101, L803, and L804 reflect changes in mail processing operations. Effective February 2, 1995; mandatory April 1, 1995 (PB 21886 (2-2-95)).

L102, L201, L202, L203, L701, L702, L703, and L704 reflect changes in mail processing operations. Effective May 25, 1995; mandatory July 22, 1995 (PB 21894 (5-25-95)).

L002, L101, L102, L201, L202, L203, L701, L702, L703, L704, L705, L706, L707, L708, L801, L802, L803, and L804 reflect changes in mail processing operations. Mailers must comply with these changes by July 8, 1995. Effective July 1, 1995; mandatory July 8, 1995 (PB 21895 (6-8-95)).

Merchandise Samples—Bound Printed Matter

E414.1.4b clarifies that merchandise samples mailed with bound printed matter must promote either the sale of such merchandise or the sale of such merchandise and the bound printed matter. Effective February 2, 1995 (PB 21886 (2-2-95)).

Miscellaneous Revisions

C840.2.2 and C840.2.5 exempt address block delivery point barcoded pieces from the requirement of a reserved barcode clear zone in the lower right corner. C840.4.2 corrects the formula for determining print reflectance difference (PRD). S922.7.2 specifies the type of card stock permitted under the Business Reply Mail Accounting System (BRMAS). E147.1.1, M203.1.0, M203.2.0, M203.3.0, M302.3.0, M303.2.0, and M303.3.0 reconcile revisions to those sections made in Postal Bulletin 21888. Effective May 11, 1995 (PB 21893 (5-11-95)).

Money Orders—Payment

S020.1.3 permits automated teller machine (ATM) debit cards as an acceptable payment method for money orders bought at certain post offices. Effective February 2, 1995 (PB 21886 (2-2-95)).

Money Orders—Replacement

S020.1.5 clarifies the requirement for a customer to return both the negotiable portion of the money order and the matching customer receipt in order to replace a spoiled money order at no extra charge. Effective March 2, 1995 (PB 21888 (3-2-95)).

Optional Endorsement Lines

M013.2.3 gives mailers more flexibility in using an optional endorsement line (OEL) to identify package presort. The current standard that nothing may appear above the OEL except an address block barcode remains in force, but this revision allows the barcode to appear above and to the right of the OEL. Address characters, sort marks, and other mailer-applied information are permitted to the right of the OEL on the third and lower lines below the OEL. Effective March 2, 1995 (PB 21888 (3-2-95)).

Palletization Authorization

M041, M042, M043, and M044 revise authorization and preparation standards for mail presented on pallets. Effective July 20, 1995 (PB 21898 (7-20-95)).

Permit Imprint Revocations

P040.1.6 (renumbered as P040.1.8 and amended earlier by Postal Bulletin 21892 (4-27-95)) increases from 12 to 24 months the period of nonuse allowed for a permit imprint before the USPS revokes the authorization. Effective July 9, 1995 (PB 21896 (6-22-95)).

Plant-Verified Drop Shipment

P750.1.0, P750.2.0, and P750.3.0 eliminate the requirement for mailers to submit written requests to mail under a plant-verified drop shipment (PVDS) postage payment system. Effective July 6, 1995 (PB 21897 (7-6-95)).

Polywrapped Barcoded Flats

C820.2.1 is revised to permit authorized mailers to use USPS-certified polywrap materials for Barcoded rate flat mailings. Effective July 8, 1995 (PB 21899 (8-3-95)).

Postage Meters

P030 strengthens administrative controls on postage meters to minimize meter misuse. Effective June 30, 1995 (PB 21896 (6-22-95)).

Priority Mail Rates

Exhibit R100.10.0a and Exhibit R100.10.0b reflect changes in certain Priority Mail rates that were recommended by the Postal Rate Commission on June 7, 1995, and adopted for implementation on August 27, 1995, by the Governors of the Postal Service. Effective August 27, 1995 (PB 21900 (8-17-95)).

Rate Application and Computation

P013.1.1, P013.1.2, P013.1.3, P013.1.4, P013.1.5, P013.1.6, P013.2.1, P013.2.2, P013.2.3, P013.2.4, P013.2.5, P013.4.1, P013.4.2, P013.4.3, P013.5.1, P013.5.2, P013.5.3, P013.5.4, P013.5.5, P013.5.6, P013.5.7, P013.6.0, P013.7.3, P013.7.4, P013.7.5, P013.7.6, P013.7.7, P013.8.1, P013.8.2, P013.8.3, P013.8.4, P013.8.5, P013.9.1, P013.9.2, P013.9.3, P013.9.4, P013.9.5, and P013.9.6 reflect revisions and consolidation. P013.1.2c clarifies the term "intermediate" postage figures for purposes of rounding; P013.1.4, P013.1.5, and P013.1.6 consolidate standards for affixing postage; P013.2.1, P013.2.2, P013.2.3, P013.2.4, P013.2.5, and P013.6.0 accommodate standards for Express Mail and flat-rate envelopes; P013.4.1, P013.4.2, and P013.4.3 reflect changes in the third-class single-piece rate structure and bulk rate breakpoints from the January 1, 1995, rate implementation. These revisions make no changes to basic policy on computation or postage payment. Effective March 2, 1995 (PB 21888 (3-2-95)).

RCSC Directory

G042 updates addresses, telephone numbers, and ZIP Code ranges served for several business mail entry units and rates and classification service centers (RCSCs). Effective April 13, 1995 (PB 21891 (4-13-95)).

Second-Class Mail—Contents

A010.7.1, A010.7.2, A010.7.3, and A010.7.4 are added; C200 is revised and reorganized; and E211.3.0, E211.7.3, E211.9.0, E211.11.2, P070.2.0, and P200.1.7 clarify the types of material and supplements mailable at second-class rates. A200 is deleted. Effective March 27, 1995 (PB 21889 (3-16-95)).

Second-Class Mail—Copalletization

M042.5.9 facilitates copalletizing of short-run second-class publications to reduce mailers' costs and decrease USPS handling. Effective March 16, 1995 (PB 21889 (3-16-95)).

Second-Class Mail—Form 3526, Permit Imprints, Key Rates

E216.4.3 modifies the publishing requirements for Form 3526, Statement of Ownership, Management, and Circulation, to allow flexibility in selecting the issue in which the required information is printed; P040.1.6, P040.1.7, P040.1.8, P040.1.9, P040.2.4, P040.3.5, P040.4.1, P040.4.2, P040.5.3, P040.5.4, and P040.5.6 relax conditions under which a company permit imprint may be used; P200.3.5 eliminates on November 1, 1995, the use of key rates for publications. Effective June 2, 1995 (PB 21892 (4-27-95)).

Special Rates—Content Restrictions

E370.5.0 implements additional requirements on material mailed at the special bulk third-class rates, effecting statutes enacted by the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Appropriations Acts for 1994 and 1995 that establish content-based restrictions on advertisements, promotions, and offers for certain products mailed at the special bulk third-class rates. Effective October 1, 1995 (PB 21893 (5-11-95)).

Special Rates—Form 3623

E370.8.1 and E370.8.3 reflect procedural changes in the filing of Form 3623, Application for Special Bulk Third-Class Rates at Additional Mailing Office. Effective February 2, 1995 (PB 21886 (2-2-95)).

Special Rates—Rate Increases

R200.2.0, R200.3.0, R200.4.0, R300.6.0, R300.7.0, R300.8.0, and R400.6.0 reflect increases in certain special postage rates mandated by the Revenue Forgone Act signed into law on October 28, 1993. Effective October 1, 1995 (PB 21897 (7-6-95); PB 21899 (8-3-95)).

Stamped Envelopes

P022.2.1 deletes Exhibit P022.2.1, Nondenominated Postage (transferred to the DMM Utilities). R000.1.0 and R000.2.0 amend the listing and prices of stamped envelopes. Effective February 16, 1995 (PB 21887 (2-16-95)).

Third-Class Mail—Residual Carrier Route

E333.1.3, E333.3.1, M303.2.0, M303.3.0, M303.4.1, and M303.4.2 clarify the preparation of the residual portion of carrier route presort bulk third-class mailings. Effective January 5, 1995 (PB 21884 (1-5-95)).

Third-Class Mail—SCF Sack

M020.1.4f permits bulk third-class mailers to prepare one sectional center facility (SCF) sack containing fewer than

125 addressed pieces or less than 15 pounds of addressed pieces for a 3-digit ZIP Code area served by the origin SCF. Effective June 22, 1995 (PB 21896 (6-22-95)).

Verified Delivery

S912.1.4 clarifies the use of verified delivery receipts. Effective February 16, 1995 (PB 21887 (2-16-95)).

Walk-Sequence Mail

M020.2.1, M202.1.4, M203.1.4, M203.1.5, M203.2.2, M203.2.6, M203.3.3, M303.1.4, M303.1.7, M303.1.8, M303.2.2, M303.2.5, and M303.3.8 revise walk-sequence mail preparation; new M050.1.1, M050.1.2, M050.2.1, M050.2.2, M050.3.1, M050.3.2, M050.3.3, M050.4.1, M050.4.2, M050.4.3, M050.4.4, M050.4.5, M050.4.6, M050.4.7, and M050.4.8 transfer the basic preparation standards from M204 and M304, which are both deleted. Because walk-sequence mail is a form of carrier route presort, the remaining standards from those deleted units that are specific to second- and third-class mail are transferred to M203 and M303, respectively. These revisions make no changes in rate eligibility or mail preparation. Effective March 2, 1995 (PB 21888 (3-2-95)).

PART 111—[AMENDED]

In consideration of the foregoing, 39 CFR part 111 is amended as set forth below:

- 1. The authority citation for 39 CFR part 111 continues to read as follows:
Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 39 U.S.C. 101, 401, 403, 404, 3001-3011, 3201-3219, 3403-3406, 3621, 3626, 5001.
- 2. The table at the end of § 111.3(e) is amended by adding new entries at the end:

§ 111.3 Amendments to the Domestic Mail Manual.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

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Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Approval of Source- Specific VOC and NO_x RACT Determinations, and 1990 Baseyear Emissions for One Source

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Direct final rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is approving State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. These revisions establish and require reasonably available control technology (RACT) for three facilities, and make corrections to the 1990 baseyear volatile organic compounds (VOC) and nitrogen oxides (NO_x) emissions for one of the facilities. This action affects a total of three companies. The intended effect of this action is to approve three source-specific RACT determinations, and the 1990 emissions inventory figures for three emissions units at one facility. This action is being taken under section 110 of the Clean Air Act.

DATES: This final rule is effective February 21, 1997 unless within January 21, 1997, adverse or critical comments are received. If the effective date is delayed, timely notice will be published in the Federal Register.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to David L. Arnold, Chief, Ozone and Mobile Sources Section, Mailcode 3AT21, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air, Radiation, and Toxics Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107; the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460; and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Quality, P.O. Box 8468, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 1, 1995, December 8, 1995, June 10, 1996, and September 13, 1996, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania submitted formal revisions to its State Implementation Plan (SIP), consisting of plan approvals and operating permits for many facilities. The SIP revisions that are the subject of this rulemaking consist of RACT determinations for only three of those facilities and includes one operating permit and one plan approval. These three individual facilities emit volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and/or nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and are located in Mercer and Blair Counties in Pennsylvania. These three facilities are (1) Caparo Steel Company (Mercer Co.)—steel mill, (2) Sharon Steel Company (Mercer Co.)—steel mill, and (3) Pennsylvania Electric Company (Penelec)—Williamsburg Station (Blair Co.)—utility. The remaining plan approvals and operating permits in the August 1, 1995, December 8, 1995, June 10, 1996, and September 13, 1996, submittals will be the subject of a separate rulemaking notice.

Background

Pursuant to sections 182(b)(2) and 182(f) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), Pennsylvania is required to implement RACT for all major VOC and NO_x sources by no later than May 31, 1995. The major source size is determined by its location, the ozone nonattainment area and whether it is located in the

ozone transport region (OTR), which is established by the CAA. The Pennsylvania portion of the Philadelphia ozone nonattainment area consists of Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties and is classified as severe. The remaining counties in Pennsylvania are classified as either moderate or marginal nonattainment areas or are designated attainment for ozone. However, under section 184 of the CAA, at a minimum, moderate ozone nonattainment area requirements (including RACT as specified in sections 182(b)(2) and 182(f)) apply throughout the OTR. Therefore, RACT is applicable statewide in Pennsylvania. The August 1, 1995, December 8, 1995, June 10, 1996, and September 13, 1996, Pennsylvania submittals that are the subject of this notice are meant to satisfy the RACT requirements for three facilities in Pennsylvania.

Summary of SIP Revisions

This rulemaking approves the operating permit issued to Caparo Steel Company by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) on November 3, 1995, the plan approval issued to Sharon Steel Company by PADEP on November 3, 1995, and the RACT determination for Pennsylvania Electric Company (Penelec)—Williamsburg Station. In addition, on June 10, 1996, Pennsylvania submitted 1990 baseyear emission inventory figures for Sharon Steel Company for EPA approval into the Pennsylvania SIP. Therefore, this rulemaking also establishes the 1990 baseyear emissions for emissions units at Sharon Steel. The details of the RACT requirements for the source-specific operating permit for Caparo Steel and the plan approval for Sharon Steel can be found in the docket and accompanying Technical Support Document and will not be reiterated in this document.

Caparo Steel RACT

EPA is approving the operating permit (OP 43-285) for Caparo Steel Company, located in Mercer County, which is part of the Youngstown-Warren-Sharon Ohio/Pennsylvania ozone marginal nonattainment area. This operating permit imposes RACT on Caparo Steel and requires compliance by May 31, 1995. Caparo Steel Company is a steel mill and is a major source of NO_x and VOC emissions. In general, the RACT requirements in the permit include operation and maintenance in accordance with manufacturer specifications and good air pollution control practices to minimize NO_x and