

POSTAL SERVICE**39 CFR Part 111****Domestic Mail Manual Changes for Bedloaded Bundles of Periodicals****AGENCY:** Postal Service.**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service is seeking comments on a proposal to delete the standards in the Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) that allow bundles (more than one package strapped together) of Periodicals flat-size mail to be bedloaded instead of placed in a sack or on a pallet.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 22, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to the Manager, Mail Preparation and Standards, U.S. Postal Service, 1735 North Lynn Street, Room 3025, Arlington VA 22209-6038. Written comments may be submitted via fax to (703) 292-4058 or via email to aemmerth@email.usps.gov (please use "Fed Reg Bedloaded Bundles" as the subject line of the message). Copies of all written comments will be available for inspection and photocopying between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anne Emmerth at (703) 292-3641.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Current DMM M210.5.0 and M220.5.0 allow authorized mailers to place packages of Presorted rate and carrier route rate Periodicals flats directly into a truck or trailer if the packages are secured together into bundles containing a minimum of 20 pounds of mail (instead of sacking or palletizing those packages). Such preparation requires Postal Service authorization from Business Mailer Support (BMS). It should be noted that DMM M820 does not include any provisions for bedloading bundles of automation rate flats. The records of the Postal Service indicate that there are no mailers who are preparing bedloaded bundles in this manner. Because of this, and because bedloaded bundles are generally not cost-efficient for the Postal Service to handle and process, the Postal Service is proposing to delete the options to prepare Periodicals flats as bedloaded bundles.

If this proposal is adopted, then all Periodicals flats must be prepared in sacks or on pallets.

This change does not apply to mailers who transport packages of Periodicals to destination delivery units under exceptional dispatch.

Although exempt from the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act (5 U.S.C. 553(b), (c)) regarding proposed rulemaking by 39 U.S.C. 410(a), the Postal Service invites comments on the following proposed revisions to the DMM, incorporated by reference into the Code of Federal Regulations (see 39 CFR part 111).

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 111

Postal Service.

PART 111—[AMENDED]

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, 414, 3001-3011, 3201-3219, 3403-3406, 3621, 3626, 5001.

2. Amend the following sections of the Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) as set forth below:

M Mail Preparation and Sortation*M000 General Preparation Standards**M010 Mailpieces**M011 Basic Standards*

1.0 Terms and Conditions

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1.3 Preparation Instructions

[Delete item z, which defines a "bundle." Renumber items aa through ac as items z through ab, respectively.]

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M013 Optional Endorsement Lines

1.0 Use

1.1 Basic Standards

[Revise 1.1 by deleting the entry for SCF.]

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*M200 Periodicals (Nonautomation)**M210 Presorted Rates*

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[Delete section 5.0, Bedloaded Bundles (Flat-Size Pieces). Renumber section 6.0 as 5.0.]

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M220 Carrier Route Rates

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An appropriate amendment to 39 CFR 111 to reflect these changes will be published if the proposal is adopted.

Stanley F. Mires,*Chief Counsel, Legislative.*

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BILLING CODE 7710-12-P**FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY****44 CFR Part 67****[Docket No. FEMA-D-7518]****Proposed Flood Elevation Determinations****AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA.**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: Technical information or comments are requested on the proposed base (1% annual chance) flood elevations and proposed base flood elevation modifications for the communities listed below. The base flood elevations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

DATES: The comment period is ninety (90) days following the second publication of this proposed rule in a newspaper of local circulation in each community.

ADDRESSES: The proposed base flood elevations for each community are available for inspection at the office of the Chief Executive Officer of each community. The respective addresses are listed in the following table.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew B. Miller, P.E., Chief, Hazards Study Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3461, or (email) matt.miller@fema.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA or Agency) proposes to make determinations of base flood elevations and modified base flood elevations for each community listed below, in accordance with Section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These proposed base flood and modified base flood elevations, together with the floodplain management criteria

required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own, or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, state or regional entities. These proposed elevations are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP and are also used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings built after these elevations are made final, and for the contents in these buildings.

National Environmental Policy Act. This proposed rule is categorically excluded from the requirements of 44 CFR Part 10, Environmental Consideration. No environmental impact assessment has been prepared.

Regulatory Flexibility Act. The Acting Administrator, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, certifies that this proposed rule is exempt from the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because proposed or modified base flood elevations are required by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and are required to establish and maintain community eligibility in the NFIP. As a result, a regulatory flexibility analysis has not been prepared.

Regulatory Classification. This proposed rule is not a significant regulatory action under the criteria of Section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 of September 30, 1993, Regulatory Planning and Review, 58 FR 51735.

Executive Order 12612, Federalism. This proposed rule involves no policies that have federalism implications under Executive Order 12612, Federalism, dated October 26, 1987.

Executive Order 12778, Civil Justice Reform. This proposed rule meets the applicable standards of Section 2(b)(2) of Executive Order 12778.

List of Subjects in 44 CFR Part 67

Administrative practice and procedure, flood insurance, reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Accordingly, 44 CFR Part 67 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 67—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 67 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*; Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 329; E.O. 12127, 44 FR 19367, 3 CFR, 1979 Comp., p. 376.

§ 67.4 [Amended]

2. The tables published under the authority of § 67.4 are proposed to be amended as follows:

Source of flooding	Location	#Depth in feet above ground. *Elevation in feet (NGVD)		Communities affected
		Existing	Modified	
OHIO				
Gallia County (Unincorporated Areas)				
Ohio River ..	Approximately 1.7 miles upstream of county boundary.	*561	*560	Unincorporated Areas of Gallia County, Village of Crown City. City of Gallipolis, Village of Cheshire.
	Approximately 3.2 miles downstream of county boundary.	*573	*572	
City of Gallipolis				
Maps available for inspection at the Gallipolis City Building, 518 Second Avenue, Gallipolis, Ohio. Send comments to Mr. E. V. Clark, Jr., Gallipolis City Manager, 518 2nd Avenue, Gallipolis, Ohio 45631.				
Village of Crown City				
Maps available for inspection at the Crown City Village Hall, 156 Charles Street, Crown City, Ohio. Send comments to The Honorable Sam Johnson, Mayor of the Village of Crown City, P.O. Box 316, Crown City, Ohio 45623.				
Village of Cheshire				
Maps available for inspection at the Cheshire Village Office, 1828 Eastern Avenue, Gallipolis, Ohio. Send comments to The Honorable H. Thomas Reese, Mayor of the Village of Cheshire, P.O. Box 276, Cheshire, Ohio 45620.				
Gallia County (Unincorporated Areas)				
Maps available for inspection at the Gallia County Offices, 18 Locust Street, Gallipolis, Ohio. Send comments to Mr. Skip Meadows, President of the Gallia County Board of Commissioners, 18 Locust Street, Gallipolis, Ohio 45631.				
Meigs County (Unincorporated Areas)				
Ohio River ..	Approximately 2 miles upstream of the downstream county boundary.	*575	*576	Village of Middleport, Village of Pomeroy, Village of Racine. Village of Syracuse, and unincorporated areas of Meigs County.
	At the upstream county boundary	*603	*602	
Little Lead- ing Creek.	Approximately 0.8 mile upstream of the Village of Rutland corporate limits.	None	*578	Unincorporated areas of Meigs County.
	Approximately 0.9 mile upstream of the Village of Rutland corporate limits.	None	*578	
Kerr Run	Just upstream of the Village of Pomeroy corporate limits.	None	*579	Unincorporated areas of Meigs County.
	Approximately 250 feet upstream of the Village of Pomeroy corporate limits.	None	*579	
Unnamed Tributary to Kerr Run.	Just upstream of the Village of Pomeroy corporate limits.	None	*579	Unincorporated areas of Meigs County.
	Approximately 50 feet upstream of the Village of Pomeroy corporate limits.	None	*579	

Source of flooding	Location	#Depth in feet above ground. *Elevation in feet (NGVD)		Communities affected
		Existing	Modified	
Unnamed Tributary to Wolf Run.	Approximately 750 feet of the confluence with Wolf Run.	None	*582	Unincorporated areas of Meigs County.
	Approximately 950 feet upstream of the confluence with Wolf Run.	None	*582	
Rose Creek	Approximately 0.8 mile upstream of the confluence with Ohio River.	None	*580	Unincorporated areas of Meigs County.
	Approximately 1.1 miles upstream of confluence with the Ohio River.	None	*580	
Johns Run	Approximately 200 feet downstream of State Route 338.	None	*587	Unincorporated areas of Meigs County.
	Approximately 0.7 mile upstream of State Route 338.	None	*587	
Groundhog Creek.	Just upstream of State Route 338	None	*593	Unincorporated areas of Meigs County.
	Approximately 1.7 miles upstream of State Route 338.	None	*593	
Sugarcamp Run.	Just upstream of State Route 124	None	*601	Unincorporated areas of Meigs County.
	Approximately 0.8 mile upstream of State Route 124.	None	*601	
Indian Run	Just upstream of State Route 124	None	*602	Unincorporated areas of Meigs County.
	Approximately 0.9 mile upstream of State Route 124.	None	*602	

Meigs County (Unincorporated Areas)

Maps available for inspection at the Meigs County Courthouse, 100 East Second Street, Pomeroy, Ohio.

Send comments to Mr. Jeff Thorton, President of the Meigs County Board of Commissioners, Meigs County Courthouse, 100 East Second Street, Pomeroy, Ohio 45769.

Village of Middleport

Maps available for inspection at the Middleport Village Hall, 237 Race Street, Middleport, Ohio.

Send comments to The Honorable Sandy Iannarelli, Mayor of the Village of Middleport, 237 Race Street, Middleport, Ohio 45760.

Village of Pomeroy

Maps available for inspection at the Pomeroy Village Hall, 320 East Main Street, Pomeroy, Ohio.

Send comments to The Honorable John Blaettner, Mayor of the Village of Pomeroy, 320 East Main Street, Pomeroy, Ohio 45769.

Village of Racine

Maps available for inspection at the Racine Village Hall, 405 Main Street, Racine, Ohio.

Send comments to The Honorable J. Scott Hill, Mayor of the Village of Racine, P.O. Box 375, Racine, Ohio 45771.

Village of Syracuse

Maps available for inspection at the Syracuse Village Hall, 2581 Third Street, Syracuse, Ohio.

Send comments to The Honorable Larry Lavender, Mayor of the Village of Syracuse, 2581 Third Street, P.O. Box 266, Syracuse, Ohio 45779.

VIRGINIA**Southampton County (Unincorporated Areas)**

Blackwater River.	At the confluence with Chowan River	*11	*14	Southampton County (Unincorporated Areas).
	Approximately 6,700 feet upstream of State Route 620 (Broadwater Road).	None	*36	
Nottoway River.	At the confluence with Chowan River	*11	*14	Southampton County (Unincorporated Areas); Courtland (Town).
	Approximately 2,400 feet upstream of Norfolk Franklin & Danville Railroad.	*26	*27	

Southampton County (Unincorporated Areas)

Maps available for inspection at the Southampton County Administrator's Office, 26022 Administration Center Drive, Courtland, Virginia.

Send comments to Mr. Michael W. Johnson, Southampton County Administrator, 26022 Administration Center Drive, Courtland, Virginia 23837.

Town of Courtland

Maps available for inspection at the Courtland Town Office, 22219 Meherrin Road, Courtland, Virginia.

Send comments to The Honorable Lewis H. Davis, Sr., Mayor of the Town of Courtland, P.O. Box 39, Courtland, Virginia 23837.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.100, "Flood Insurance")

Dated: December 11, 2001.

Robert F. Shea,

Acting Administrator, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

44 CFR Part 67

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Florida	Franklin County (Unincorporated Areas).	Apalachicola Bay	Approximately 2.6 miles southeast of West Pass.	*7	*8
			Approximately 4.1 miles southwest of Government Cut in St. George Island.	*7	*10
		St. George Sound	Just east of St. George Island Bridge	*9	*10
			Shoreline of St. George Island at (and include) Marsh Island.	*15	*12
		Gulf of Mexico	Approximately 2.6 miles southeast of West Pass.	*7	*8
			Approximately 1.5 miles southeast of the confluence of Big Claires Creek with Ochlockonee Bay.	*21	*23
		Alligator Harbor	Approximately 1,000 feet north of the intersection of State Route 370 and West Harbor Road.	*15	*16