

required to evaluate these conditions except:

(i) When the results of a maximum exercise capacity test are of record and are 20 ml/kg/min or less. If a maximum exercise capacity test is not of record, evaluate based on alternative criteria.

(ii) When pulmonary hypertension (documented by an echocardiogram or cardiac catheterization), cor pulmonale, or right ventricular hypertrophy, has been diagnosed.

(iii) When there have been one or more episodes of acute respiratory failure.

(iv) When outpatient oxygen therapy is required.

(2) If the DLCO (SB) (Diffusion Capacity of the Lung for Carbon Monoxide by the Single Breath Method) test is not of record, evaluate based on alternative criteria as long as the examiner states why the test would not be useful or valid in a particular case.

(3) When the PFT's are not consistent with clinical findings, evaluate based on the PFT's unless the examiner states why they are not a valid indication of respiratory functional impairment in a particular case.

(4) Post-bronchodilator studies are required when PFT's are done for disability evaluation purposes except when the results of pre-bronchodilator pulmonary function tests are normal or when the examiner determines that post-bronchodilator studies should not be done and states why.

(5) When evaluating based on PFT's, use post-bronchodilator results in applying the evaluation criteria in the rating schedule unless the post-bronchodilator results were poorer than the pre-bronchodilator results. In those cases, use the pre-bronchodilator values for rating purposes.

(6) When there is a disparity between the results of different PFT's (FEV-1 (Forced Expiratory Volume in one second), FVC (Forced Vital Capacity), etc.), so that the level of evaluation would differ depending on which test result is used, use the test result that the examiner states most accurately reflects the level of disability.

(7) Consider a decreased FEV-1/FVC ratio to be normal if the FEV-1 is greater than 100 percent.

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3. Section 4.100 is added to read as follows:

§ 4.100 Application of the evaluation criteria for diagnostic codes 7000–7007, 7011, and 7015–7020.

(a) Whether or not cardiac hypertrophy or dilatation (documented by electrocardiogram, echocardiogram, or X-ray) is present and whether or not

there is a need for continuous medication must be ascertained in all cases.

(b) Even if the requirement for a 10% (based on the need for continuous medication) or 30% (based on the presence of cardiac hypertrophy or dilatation) evaluation is met, METs testing is required in all cases except:

(1) When there is a medical contraindication.

(2) When the left ventricular ejection fraction has been measured and is 50% or less.

(3) When chronic congestive heart failure is present or there has been more than one episode of congestive heart failure within the past year.

(4) When a 100% evaluation can be assigned on another basis.

(c) If left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) testing is not of record, evaluate based on the alternative criteria unless the examiner states that the LVEF test is needed in a particular case because the available medical information does not sufficiently reflect the severity of the veteran's cardiovascular disability.

4. Section 4.104, diagnostic code 7101 is amended by adding a Note 3 to read as follows:

§ 4.104 Schedule of ratings—cardiovascular system.

DISEASES OF THE HEART					Rating
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7101	Hypertensive	vascular dis-			
	ease (hypertension	and isolated			
	systolic hypertension):				
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Note (3): Evaluate hypertension separately from hypertensive heart disease and other types of heart disease.

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 111

Simplified Address Format for Letter-Size and Flat-Size Standard Mail and Periodicals

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This proposal would amend some of the standards and identification procedures for Standard Mail and Periodicals letter-size and flat-size mail using the simplified address format as provided in *Domestic Mail Manual*

(DMM) A040.4.0. This proposal would improve the processing and distribution of such mail and would also clarify and expand the standards for identifying this mail that does not bear a specific delivery address.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 23, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Mail or deliver written comments to the manager, Mail Preparation and Standards, Postal Service Headquarters, 1735 N Lynn Street, Suite 3025, Arlington, Virginia 22209–6038. Copies of all written comments will be available for inspection and photocopying between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at Postal Service Headquarters Library, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW., 11th Floor North, Washington, DC. Comments may also be submitted via fax to 703–292–4058, ATTN: O.B. Akinwole.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: OB Akinwole at (703) 292–3643.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Some mailers elect to use the simplified form of address for their mass mailings. Simplified address is an alternate-addressing format that allows mailers to prepare mailpieces without using individual names and addresses within very specific requirements. Instead of using individual addresses, the mailpieces are simply addressed as “Postal Customer” (or a similar designation as permitted). Eligibility to use the simplified address format is determined by the type of route selected for distribution, and in some instances by the type of mailer, as follows:

- Rural Routes, Highway Contract Routes, and Post Office Boxes. Any mailer may use simplified address format for the distribution of mail to rural routes, highway contract routes, and Post Office boxes at offices without city carrier service. Distribution of such mail is made to each boxholder on a rural route or highway contract route, each family on a rural route or highway contract route (at any Post Office), or all Post Office boxholders at a Post Office without city carrier service.

- City Routes and Post Office Boxes. Only certain authorized governmental entities may use the simplified address format for the distribution of mail to city routes or to Post Office boxes at Post Offices with city carrier service. Authorized governmental entities include U.S. Congress and Federal Government agencies or state, county, or municipal governments, and the governments of the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and any U.S. territory or possession listed in *Domestic Mail Manual* (DMM) G010.

Distribution of such mail must be made to each stop or possible delivery on city carrier routes, or to each Post Office box at Post Offices with city carrier service.

Under this proposal, *Domestic Mail Manual* (DMM) A040 would be revised to clarify the preparation requirements for letters and flats that use the simplified address format. Additionally, all congressional mailings using the simplified address format would use PS Tag 11, Congressional Mail, "Postmaster—Open and Distribute" on all containers to ensure appropriate handling through downstream postal processes. This tag, which would help identify congressional mail as it moves through the mailstream, would be firmly attached to the mailing container.

These proposed clarifications are a result of recommendations and suggestions from mailers and Postal Service personnel. The proposal would ensure that customer expectations for accurate processing and timely delivery are met. This would be achieved by clarifying and reinforcing procedures that would increase the identification of containers used in preparation of this type of mail. The Postal Service and mailers who use this mail format believe that clarifying and reinforcing the preparation and container labeling requirements would enable more accurate processing of the mail. It would also help maintain the integrity of mail using the simplified address format and prevent potential service breakdowns that may occur when such mail is inadvertently separated from the container identifying its destination as a result of inadequate preparation and container labeling. These discrepancies can cause unnecessary delays during postal handling and may increase postal processing costs.

Although exempt from the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure 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 in the *Code of Federal Regulations* (See CFR part 111).

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 111

Administrative practice and procedure, 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, 3001–3011, 3201–3219, 3403–3406, 3621, 3626, 5001.

2. Amend *Domestic Mail Manual* A040, E200, and M200 as follows:

Domestic Mail Manual (DMM)

A Addressing

A000 Basic Addressing

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A040 Alternative Addressing Formats

1.0 SIMPLIFIED ADDRESS

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1.2 Use—City Routes, P.O. Boxholders

[Revise 1.2 by deleting the last sentence in the first paragraph and replacing it with the following sentence:]

* * * The following also applies:

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1.3 Mail Preparation

[Revise 1.3 as follows:]

All pieces must be prepared in carrier route or 5-digit carrier route or carrier routes containers; 3-digit carrier route or carrier routes containers are not allowed. All flat-size pieces must be prepared in carrier route or 5-digit carrier sacks. All pieces for the same carrier route must be tied in packages of 50, so far as practicable, and each package must bear a facing slip showing desired distribution (e.g., 5-digit ZIP Code and route number). If the pieces are tied in quantities other than 50 each, the actual number must be shown on the facing slip. Delivery statistics for routes may be obtained as described in A930. Pieces in such mailings must also meet the following standards:

- All pieces must be in the same processing category.
- Pieces must be marked according to M012.
- Letter-size pieces must be prepared in trays, and flat-size pieces must be prepared in sacks under M220 or M620, as applicable.
- If selective distribution is desired, enough pieces must be presented to cover the route or routes selected.

[Delete 1.4. Redesignate 1.5, 1.6, and 1.7 as 1.4, 1.5 and 1.6, respectively.]

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4.0 CONGRESSIONAL FRANK

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[Redesignate current 4.3 and 4.4 as 4.4 and 4.5, and add new 4.3 to read as follows:]

4.3 Mail Preparation

Mailers must prepare containers of mail using the simplified address format in the manner listed below:

a. Containers of congressional frank mailpieces using the simplified address format must be prepared under A040.

b. PS Tag 11, *Congressional Mail*, "Postmaster—Open and Distribute" must be securely affixed to each sack or tray of congressional mail to ensure adequate identification of the mail. On trays, the tag must be affixed to the end that bears the tray label.

[Redesignate current 4.3 and 4.4 as 4.4 and 4.5, and add new 4.3 to read as follows:]

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E Eligibility

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E200 Periodicals

E230 Carrier Route Rates

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3.0 WALK-SEQUENCE DISCOUNTS

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3.3 Addressing Standards

[Revise 3.3b as follows:]

b. Official matter, whether mailed under congressional frank or by certain government entities for delivery on a city route, may use the appropriate simplified address format described in A040.

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M Mail Preparation and Sortation

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M200 Periodicals (Nonautomation)

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M220 Carrier Route Rates

1.0 BASIC INFORMATION

1.1 General Preparation Standards

[Add new item h to read as follows:]

* * * h. Pieces with a simplified address must meet the corresponding preparation standards in A040 and the eligibility standards in E215.

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[Revise the heading of 3.0 to read as follows:]

3.0 PREPARATION (LETTER-SIZE PIECES)

[Designate 3.0 as 3.1 and add new 3.2 to read as follows:]

3.2 Tray Line 2 for Pieces With Simplified Address

For trays that contain letter-size pieces with a simplified address prepared under A040, use "MAN" on Line 2 in place of "BC."

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

Stanley F. Mires,

Chief Counsel, Legislative.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[CA 264-0355b; FRL-7258-4]

Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve a revision to the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District (MBUAPCD) portion of the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). This revision concerns the emission of volatile organic compounds (VOC) from steam drive crude oil production wells.

DATE: Any comments on this proposal must arrive by September 23, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Mail comments to Andy Steckel, Rulemaking Office Chief (AIR-4), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

You can inspect a copy of the submitted rule revision and EPA's technical support document (TSD) at our Region IX office during normal business hours. You may also see copies of the submitted rule revision and TSD at the following locations:

Environmental Protection Agency, Air Docket (6102), Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington DC 20460.

California Air Resources Board, Stationary Source Division, Rule Evaluation Section, 1001 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District, 24580 Silver Cloud Court, Monterey, CA 93940.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Al Petersen, Rulemaking Office (AIR-4), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX; (415) 947-4118.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This proposal addresses the approval of the local MBUAPCD Rule 427. In the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**, we are approving this local rule in a direct final action without prior proposal because we believe this SIP revision is not controversial. If we

receive adverse comments, however, we will publish a timely withdrawal of the direct final rule and address the comments in subsequent action based on this proposed rule. We do not plan to open a second comment period, so anyone interested in commenting should do so at this time. If we do not receive adverse comments, no further activity is planned. For further information, please see the direct final action.

Dated: July 16, 2002.

Keith Takata,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 63

[FRL-7265-8]

National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Chlorine and Hydrochloric Acid Emissions From Chlorine Production

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The EPA is announcing the extension of the public comment period on the proposed decision not to regulate national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants for chlorine production facilities. We originally requested comments on the proposed rule by September 3, 2002 (67 FR 44713, July 3, 2002). We are extending the deadline for written comments to October 3, 2002 because the docket for the proposed rule, which contains pertinent information related to the proposal, was not available for inspection prior to July 31, 2002.

DATES: Comments may be submitted by October 3, 2002.

ADDRESSES: *Comments.* By U.S. Postal Service, send comments (in duplicate if possible) to: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102), Attention Docket Number A-2002-09, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. In person or by courier, deliver comments (in duplicate if possible) to: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102T), Attention Docket Number A-2002-09, Room Number B108, U.S. EPA, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. The EPA requests a separate copy also be sent to the contact person listed in

the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Comments may be submitted by electronic mail (e-mail) to: *a-and-r-docket@epa.gov*. Comments submitted by e-mail must be submitted as an ASCII file to avoid the use of special characters and encryption problems. Comments will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect® version 5.1, 6.1, or 8 file format. All comments and data submitted in electronic form must be identified by the docket number A-2002-09. No confidential business information (CBI) should be submitted by e-mail. Electronic comments may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

Commenters wishing to submit proprietary information for consideration must clearly distinguish such information from other comments and clearly label it as CBI. Send submissions containing such proprietary information directly to the following address, and not to the public docket, to ensure that proprietary information is not inadvertently placed in the docket: OAQPS Document Control Officer, C404-02, Attention: Mr. Iliam D. Rosario, U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711. The EPA will disclose information identified as CBI only to the extent allowed by the procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. If no claim of confidentiality accompanies a submission when it is received by EPA, the information may be made available to the public without further notice to the commenter.

Docket. Information related to the proposed standards is available for inspection at the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, Docket No. A-2002-09. The docket is located at the U.S. EPA, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room Number B108, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 260-7548. The docket is available for public inspection and copying between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Iliam D. Rosario, Metals Group, Emission Standards Division, C439-02, U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711; telephone number (919) 541-5308; facsimile number (919) 541-5450; electronic mail address *rosario.iliam@epa.gov*.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 63

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Air pollution control, Hazardous substances, Intergovernmental relations,