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Subject: Notification from USPS of Their Intent to Implement a National Recycling Program in early July 2014 (Notification No. GCCT20140399)

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Please find attached a copy of a letter dated 6/4/2014 from Patrick Devine, regarding the above reference matter.

You are designated as the APWU contact person in this matter. Contact the USPS representative as soon as possible for discussion, if appropriate. Please provide notification of your review to me by 7/11/2014.

Please note: Your secretary should update the Notification Tracking Module in Step 4 CAS as necessary.

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Dear Mark:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

Patrick M. Devine
Manager
Contract Administration (APWU)