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§ 263.1 Purpose and scope.
This part contains the policy and general regulations pertaining to the retention and disposition of records and information throughout all organizational levels and components.

§ 263.2 Policy.
It is the policy of the U.S. Postal Service to establish and maintain schedules specifying the retention periods required for all official and duplicate record copies. Furthermore, it is the policy that all duplicate record copies and non-record material will be disposed of as soon as they have served their purpose.

§ 263.3 Responsibility.
(a) Records Office. Records Office has the responsibility for providing for the establishment of retention schedules and has the authority to approve them. Furthermore, that office has the authority to dispose of Postal Service records by transfer or destruction.

(b) Custodians. Custodians are responsible for the retention and prompt disposal of records in their custody and for delegating in writing, persons to perform these duties.

§ 263.4 Records disposal.
All disposals of records containing sensitive information, i.e. transfers to records storage centers, destruction, transfers external to the USPS, and maintenance of accounting records regarding such disposal, must be accomplished in accordance with procedures issued by the Records Office.

§ 263.5 Inquiries.
Inquiries regarding records maintenance and disposition should be directed to the Manager, Records Office, United States Postal Service, 475 L’Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20260, or, by telephone, (202) 268–2608.

PART 264—VITAL RECORDS

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§ 264.1 Purpose and scope.
Certain records are critical to the continuity of Postal Service operations or to the preservation of the rights and interests of the Postal Service, its employees, contractors or customers. To ensure that these records are available when needed, specific controls are required which affect all organizational components having the custody of records defined as being “vital.”

§ 264.2 Policy.
It is the policy of the U.S. Postal Service to ensure the availability of all records considered critical to the continuity of its operations and the preservation of the rights and interests of the Postal Service, its employees, contractors, and customers. Vital records shall be routinely maintained at predesignated off-site locations to ensure their availability when needed by management and operating personnel.

§ 264.3 Responsibility.
(a) Manager, Records Office. The Manager, Records Office, is responsible for categorizing records as vital, and in