

specialized training certificates, or the like; and

(ii) Coast Guard issued Merchant Marine licenses for operation of vessels with unlimited tonnage certification for cargo vessel operation with a summary of underway experience.

(9) Written proof of staff competency to perform tasks, evidenced by detailed summaries of each individual's experience (measured in months or years), during the past 5 years of evaluating maritime cargo securing systems. Experience summaries must be documented on company letterhead and endorsed by a company executive who has had direct observation of the individual and quality of his or her work product;

(10) Written standards used by the organization for internal quality control to ensure consistency in CSM review and approval procedures by qualified professionals;

(11) A description of the organization's training program for assuring continued competency of professional employees identified in the application involved in CSM review and approval; and

(12) A list of five or more business references, including names, addresses, and telephone numbers of principal managers, who can provide evidence of the organization's competence within the past 2 years.

(b) The written request from the organization must also include a statement to the Coast Guard that Coast Guard officials may inspect the organization's facilities and records of CSM review and approval on behalf of the U.S. at any time.

(c) Commandant (G-MOC) may request additional information other than that required by this section in order to complete its evaluation of an organization. If this should occur, Commandant (G-MOC) will provide a written request for the information directly to the organization applying for authorization of CSM Approval Authority.

§ 97.430 How will the Coast Guard decide whether to approve an organization's request to be authorized?

(a) First, the Commandant (G-MOC) will evaluate the organization's request for authorization and supporting written materials, looking for evidence of the following:

- (1) The organization's clear assignment of management duties;
- (2) Ethical standards for managers and CSM reviewers;
- (3) Procedures for personnel training, qualification, certification, and re-qualification that are consistent with recognized industry standards;

(4) Acceptable standards available for the organization's internal auditing and management review;

(5) Recordkeeping standards for CSM review and approval;

(6) Methods used to review and certify CSMs;

(7) Methods for handling appeals; and

(8) Overall procedures consistent with IMO Resolution A.739(18), "Guidelines for the Authorization of Organizations Acting on Behalf of the Administration."

(b) After a favorable evaluation of the organization's written request, the Coast Guard will arrange to visit the organization's corporate and port offices for an on-site evaluation of operations.

(c) When a request is approved, the recognized organization and the Coast Guard will enter into a written agreement. This agreement will define the scope, terms, conditions, and requirements of the authorization. Conditions of this agreement are found in § 97.450 of this part.

§ 97.440 What happens if the Coast Guard disapproves an organization's request to be authorized?

(a) The Coast Guard will write to the organization explaining why it did not meet the criteria for authorization.

(b) The organization may then correct the deficiencies and reapply.

§ 97.450 How will I know what the Coast Guard requires of my organization if my organization receives authorization?

Your organization will enter into a written agreement with the Coast Guard. This written agreement will specify—

(a) How long the authorization is valid;

(b) Which duties and responsibilities the organization may perform and what approval letters it may issue on behalf of the U.S.;

(c) Reports and information the organization must send to the Commandant (G-MOC);

(d) Actions the organization must take to renew the agreement when it expires; and

(e) Actions the organization must take if the Coast Guard should revoke its authorization under this subpart.

§ 97.460 How does the Coast Guard terminate an organization's authorization?

At least every 12 months, the Coast Guard evaluates organizations authorized under this subpart. If an organization fails to maintain acceptable standards, the Coast Guard may terminate that organization's authorization and remove the organization from the Commandant's list of authorized organizations.

§ 97.470 What is the status of a certificate if the issuing organization has its authority terminated?

Any CSM approval certificate issued by a U.S. CSM Approval Authority whose authorization is later terminated remains valid as long as amendments have not been completed which require it to be re-approved, as required by § 97.330. In such a situation, the owner of the vessel should contact the Commandant (G-MOC) directly to request information on which authorized organizations are available to act on behalf of the U.S. to complete a new review and approval of the vessel's amended CSM.

§ 97.480 What further obligations exist for an organization if the Coast Guard terminates its authorization?

The written agreement by which an organization receives authorization from the Coast Guard places it under certain obligations if the Coast Guard revokes that authorization. The organization agrees to send written notice of its termination to act on behalf of the U.S. to all vessel owners that have received CSM approvals for their vessel manuals. In that notice, the organization must include—

(a) A written statement explaining why the organization's authorization was terminated by the Coast Guard;

(b) An explanation of the status of issued approvals; and

(c) A current list of organizations authorized by the Coast Guard to conduct CSM reviews and approvals.

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Director of Standards, Acting Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 111

Shipping Label Requirements

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Postal Service, in its efforts to make package shipping easier for mailers, is developing standard guidelines for creating package shipping labels. The following changes are proposed to the markings (and endorsements) and Delivery Confirmation requirements in support of this effort:

- Addition of a service indicator at the top of the label to identify the class of mail.

- Modifications to the Delivery Confirmation format to support the new label design and identify the service option requested.

These changes will be consolidated into the *Domestic Mail Manual* (DMM) and subsequently into a publication, which will identify requirements and specifications to assist mailers in designing their shipping labels.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 2, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Mail or deliver written comments to John Gullo, Expedited Package Services, United States Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Room 4000NB, Washington, DC 20260-7165. Copies of all written comments (available for \$0.15 per copy per page) will be available for inspection and photocopying between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the following address: Library, United States Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Room 11800, Washington, DC 20260-1540.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Gullo, 202-268-7322.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To meet customer ease-of-use needs, the Postal Service is developing a publication to help mailers design shipping labels for expedited and package products. Currently, a mailer or their vendor may design their own shipping labels providing they include all format elements specified in the DMM. Because of the expense involved in modifying mailing systems to conform to DMM requirements, mailers have requested that this information be made available in a single publication that is similar to other Postal Service publications used for designing letter, flat, and reply mail. By placing these standard requirements and guidelines into a single publication, it will be easier for mailers to create shipping labels that conform to DMM requirements. This, in turn, will improve the Postal Service's ability to process and deliver mailed items.

The DMM currently provides specifications for postage, identifying class of mail, addressing standards, and requirements for adding special services on shipping labels. The Postal Service is recommending the addition of service indicators to identify the class of mail, and modifications to the Delivery Confirmation and other customer printed special services barcode formats. These changes apply only to Priority Mail and Standard Mail (B).

The service indicators contain two elements, a service icon and a service banner. These new elements will satisfy the marking requirements for identifying the class of mail. The service icon appears in a 1-inch square in the upper left corner of the shipping label. Each of the supported services has a unique service icon to aid in handling the package. The letter "P" will be used to identify Priority Mail. All Standard Mail (B) subclasses (Parcel Post, Parcel Select, Bound Printed Matter, Special Standard Mail, and Library Rate) will be identified by a solid black box.

The service icon parameters are as follows:

- 1-inch (1") square.
- Minimum 1-point light lines bordering area.
- Class of mail icon must be 0.75 inch ($\frac{3}{4}$ ") or greater.
- "P" for Priority Mail or solid black box for Standard Mail (B).

The service banner appears below the permit imprint indicia or postage area and service icon and is centered across the shipping label. The mail class or subclass is bordered above and below by separator lines to distinguish it from the surrounding elements.

The service banner parameters are as follows:

- The mail class or subclass for Standard Mail (B) must be printed in minimum 20-point bold sans serif typeface.
- Text must be in uppercase letters and centered on label.
- Minimum $\frac{1}{16}$ -inch clearance above and below text.

- Minimum 1-point separator lines above and below class of mail text.

There are two modifications recommended to the existing Delivery Confirmation barcode format. These changes will help postal employees recognize Delivery Confirmation and other special services barcodes when printed on mailer shipping labels. The changes include extending the horizontal identification bars across the width of the label and adding identifiers to the Delivery Confirmation barcode format to help distinguish the retail from the electronic option barcodes when the postage amount is evident on the mailpiece (e.g., meter stamps, PC postage, adhesive postage stamps).

Currently, DMM S918 requires the length of the horizontal identification bars above and below the Delivery Confirmation barcode to be equal to the length of the barcode. This specification is being modified to recommend that the identification bars extend across the width of the label. The identification bars may be used only when a special services barcode is printed on the label. Additionally, mailers who print their own Delivery Confirmation barcodes will be required to identify on the label if they are using the electronic option. This change will be required only for items on which the postage amount is evident on the mailpiece. Labels must be identified with the following information:

(a) "e/" in front of the "USPS DELIVERY CONFIRMATION" text (i.e., "e/ USPS DELIVERY CONFIRMATION").

(b) At the mailers option, the text "ELECTRONIC RATE APPROVED #[D-U-N-S®]" (where D-U-N-S® is the customer certification number) may be added below the bottom horizontal identification bar.

Mailers will be required to add the electronic identifier(s) by September 14, 2001.



Samples of Proposed Standard Shipping Label for Priority Mail & Parcel Post



Sample of Modifications to Electronic Option Delivery Confirmation Labels

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 of the DMM, incorporated by reference in 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. Revise the DMM as follows:

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E Eligibility

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E100 First-Class Mail

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E120 Priority Mail

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1.4 Marking

[Add the following to the end of 1.4:]

Shipping labels are recommended to contain service indicators composed of two elements, the service icon and service banner (see Exhibit 1.4).

(a) If used, the service icon should appear in a 1-inch square in the upper left corner of the shipping label. The

letter “P” must be printed inside the 1-inch square and must be 0.75 inches (3/4”) or greater. A minimum 3/4-point line must border the 1-inch square.

(b) The service banner should appear directly below the postage payment area and the service icon, and it should extend across the shipping label. If the service banner is used, the text “USPS PRIORITY MAIL” must be printed in minimum 20-point bold sans serif typeface, uppercase letters, centered within the banner, and bordered above and below by minimum 1-point separator lines. There must be 1/16-inch clearance above and below the text.

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[Add the following exhibit:]

Exhibit 1.4

Priority Mail Service Indicators



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M Mail Preparation and Sortation

M000 General Preparation Standards

M010 Mailpieces

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M012 Markings and Endorsements

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3.1 Basic Markings

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[Add the following to the end of 3.1:]

Optionally, the basic required marking may be printed on the shipping label as service indicators composed of a service icon and service banner:

(a) The service icon must appear in a 1-inch square in the upper left corner of the shipping label. If the service icon is used, a 1-inch solid black square will identify all Standard Mail (B) subclasses.

(b) The service banner must appear directly below the postage payment area and the service icon, and it must extend across the shipping label. If the service banner is used, the appropriate subclass

marking (e.g., PARCEL POST, BOUND PRINTED MATTER, etc.) must be preceded by the text "USPS" and must be printed in minimum 20-point bold sans serif typeface, uppercase letters, centered within the banner, and bordered above and below by minimum 1-point separator lines. There must be 1/16-inch clearance above and below the text.

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[Add the following exhibit:]

Exhibit 3.1

Standard Mail (B) Service Indicators



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S Special Services

S900 Special Postal Services

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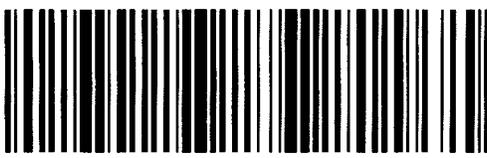
S918 Delivery Confirmation

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[Revise Exhibit 2.1c to read as follows:]

Exhibit 2.1c

Privately Printed Label

P	
USPS PRIORITY MAIL	
Sample Mailer 1123 Main St Test City DC 20260	SHIP DATE: 11/23/2000 WEIGHT: 1 LBS 9 OZ
ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED	
SHIP WILLIAM SMITH TO: ONLINE SPECIALISTS 2345 GLENDALE DR RM 245 ATLANTA GA 30328-3474	
e/ USPS DELIVERY CONFIRMATION	
	
9101 0268 3733 1000 0010 16	

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3.3 Printing*[Replace a with the following:]*

a. Each barcoded label must bear a unique Delivery Confirmation PIC barcode as specified in 3.2. The text "USPS DELIVERY CONFIRMATION" (if using retail service option, as specified in 1.4) or "e/USPS DELIVERY CONFIRMATION" (if using electronic service option, as specified in 1.4, and the postage amount is evident on the mailpiece) must be printed between $\frac{1}{8}$ inch and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch above the barcode in minimum 12-point bold sans serif type. Additionally, mailers approved for the electronic service option, at their discretion, may print the text

"ELECTRONIC RATE APPROVED #[D-U-N-S® NUMBER]" in minimum 8-point bold sans serif type directly below the bottom horizontal identification bar (see Exhibit 3.3). Human-readable characters that represent the barcode ID must be printed between $\frac{1}{8}$ inch and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch under the barcode in minimum 10-point bold sans serif type. These characters must be parsed in accordance with Publication 91. A minimum $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch clearance must be between the barcode and any printing. The preferred range of widths of narrow bars and spaces is 0.015 inch to 0.017 inch. The width of the narrow bars or spaces must be at least 0.013 inch but no more than 0.021 inch. All bars must be at least $\frac{3}{4}$ inch high. Minimum $\frac{1}{16}$ -inch bold bars

must appear between $\frac{1}{8}$ inch and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch above and below the human-readable endorsements to segregate the Delivery Confirmation barcode from other areas of the shipping label. The line length should extend across the width of the label but must extend the length of the barcode at a minimum (see Exhibit 2.1c). Only information relating to Delivery Confirmation and/or other special services must be placed between these lines. Mailers will be required to comply with this change by September 14, 2001.

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*[Add Exhibit 3.3:]***Exhibit 3.3****Electronic Service Option Identification**

e/ USPS DELIVERY CONFIRMATION



9101 0268 3733 1000 0010 16

ELECTRONIC RATE APPROVED # 026837331

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[IL203-2; FRL-6910-8]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Illinois; Reopening of the Public Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of the public comment period.

SUMMARY: EPA is reopening and extending the public comment period for a proposed rule published on August 31, 2000 (65 FR 52967). In the August 31, 2000 proposed rule, EPA proposed to approve Illinois' regulations for control of Oxides of Nitrogen (NO_x) emissions from Electric Generating Units (EGUs) provided Illinois corrects identified deficiencies in the regulations. This proposed approval was done in parallel to the adoption of the regulations by the State. EPA solicited public comment on Illinois' proposed NO_x regulations and on EPA's proposed action. At the request of the State of Missouri, EPA is reopening the comment period through December 11, 2000. All comments received before December 11, 2000, including those received between the close of the comment period on September 30, 2000 and the publication of this proposed rule reopening the comment period, will be entered into the public record and considered by EPA before taking final action on the proposed rule.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 11, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to: J. Elmer Bortzer, Chief, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), United States Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edward Doty, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), United States Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 886-6057, (doty.edward@epa.gov).

Dated: November 21, 2000.

Francis X. Lyons,
Regional Administrator, Region 5.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 300

[FRL-6910-3]

National Priorities List for Uncontrolled Hazardous Waste Sites, Proposed Rule No. 34

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA" or "the Act"), requires that the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan ("NCP") include a list of national priorities among the known releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants throughout the United States. The National Priorities List ("NPL") constitutes this list. The NPL is

intended primarily to guide the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or "the Agency") in determining which sites warrant further investigation to assess the nature and extent of public health and environmental risks associated with the site and to determine what CERCLA-financed remedial action(s), if any, may be appropriate. This proposed rule proposes to add 13 new sites to the NPL. Twelve of the sites are being proposed to the General Superfund Section of the NPL and one site is being proposed to the Federal Facilities Section on the NPL. (Please note that one of the sites is being repropose to the NPL.)

DATES: Comments regarding any of these proposed listings must be submitted (postmarked) on or before January 30, 2001.

ADDRESSES: By Postal Mail: Mail original and three copies of comments (no facsimiles or tapes) to Docket Coordinator, Headquarters; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; CERCLA Docket Office; (Mail Code 5201G); 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460.

By Express Mail or Courier: Send original and three copies of comments (no facsimiles or tapes) to Docket Coordinator, Headquarters; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; CERCLA Docket Office; 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway; Crystal Gateway #1, First Floor; Arlington, VA 22202.

By E-Mail: Comments in ASCII format only may be mailed directly to superfund.docket@epa.gov. E-mailed comments must be followed up by an original and three copies sent by mail or express mail.

For additional Docket addresses and further details on their contents, see section II, "Public Review/Public Comment," of the Supplementary Information portion of this preamble.