handling of mailpieces from broken or loose bundles results in delayed delivery and increases our processing costs.

Although we are exempt from the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. of 553(b), (c)) regarding proposed rulemaking by 39 U.S.C. 410(a), we invite public comments on the following proposed revisions to Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM), incorporated by reference in the Code of Federal Regulations. See 39 CFR 111.1.

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:


2. Amend the following sections of Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) as explained below.

300 Discount Flats

330 First-Class Mail

335 Mail Preparation

2.0 Bundles

2.4 Securing Bundles

[Revise introductory text and items a, b, and c as follows; delete items d through f. Make these same changes to 345.2.4 (for Standard Mail flats), 365.2.4 (for Bound Printed Matter flats), 375.2.4 (for Media Mail flats), 385.2.4 (for Library Mail flats), 435.2.5 (for First-Class Mail parcels), 465.2.4 (for Bound Printed Matter parcels), 475.2.4 (for Media Mail parcels), 485.2.4 (for Library Mail parcels), 705.8.5.10 (for bundles on pallets), and 707.19.4 (for Periodicals).]

Mailers must meet the following standards when preparing and securing bundles placed in sacks.

2.5 Preparing Bundles in Sacks

b. Secure bundles with at least two bands (plastic bands, rubber bands, twine, or string), one around the length and one around the girth. As options, secure bundles entirely with shrinkwrap, or with shrinkwrap plus one or two bands.

340 Standard Mail

345 Mail Preparation

2.0 Bundles

2.5 Preparing Bundles in Sacks

b. Secure bundles with at least two bands (plastic bands, rubber bands, twine, or string), one around the length and one around the girth. As options, secure bundles entirely with shrinkwrap, or with shrinkwrap plus one or two bands.

400 Discount Parcels

440 Standard Mail

445 Mail Preparation

2.0 Bundles

(Switch 2.5 and 2.4. Revise new 2.4 using the text in 335.2.4 above; revise new 2.5 using the text in 345.2.5 above.)

700 Special Standards
proceedings, if that provision may be severed from the remainder of the rule, EPA may adopt as final those provisions of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before December 2, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by RME Docket Number R08–OAR–2005–UT–0006, by one of the following methods:


• Agency Web site: http://docket.epa.gov/rmepub/index.jsp. Regional Materials in EDOCKET (RME), EPA’s electronic public docket and comment system for regional actions, is EPA’s preferred method for receiving comments. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

• E-mail: long.richard@epa.gov and russ.tim@epa.gov.

• Fax: (303) 312–6064 (please alert the individual listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT if you are faxing comments).

• Mail: Richard R. Long, Director, Air and Radiation Program, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 8, Mailcode 8P–AR, 999 18th Street, Suite 200, Denver, Colorado 80202–2466.

• Hand Delivery: Richard R. Long, Director, Air and Radiation Program, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 8, Mailcode 8P–AR, 999 18th Street, Suite 200, Denver, Colorado 80202–2466. Such deliveries are only accepted Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:55 p.m., excluding Federal holidays. Special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Please see the direct final rule which is located in the Rules section of this Federal Register for detailed instructions on how to submit comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Russ, Air and Radiation Program, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 8, Mailcode 8P–AR, 999 18th Street, Suite 200, Denver, Colorado 80202–2466, phone (303) 312–6436, and e-mail at: russ.tim@epa.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the Direct Final action of the same title which is located in the Rules and Regulations section of the Federal Register.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.

Dated: October 24, 2005.

Robert E. Roberts,
Regional Administrator, Region VIII.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 52 and 81


Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Redesignation of the City of Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania County, and Stafford County Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area’s Maintenance Plan

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve a redesignation request and a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VADEQ) is requesting that the City of Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania County, and Stafford County (the Fredericksburg area) be redesignated as attainment for the 8-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS). In conjunction with its redesignation request, the Commonwealth submitted a State Implementation Plan revision consisting of a maintenance plan for the Fredericksburg area that provides for continued attainment of the 8-hour ozone NAAQS for the next 10 years. EPA is proposing to make a determination that the Fredericksburg area has attained the 8-hour ozone NAAQS. This proposed determination is based on three years of complete, quality-assured ambient air quality monitoring data for 2002–2004 that demonstrate the 8-hour NAAQS has been attained in the area. EPA’s proposed approval of the 8-hour ozone redesignation request is based on its determination that the Fredericksburg area has met the criteria for redesignation to attainment specified in the Clean Air Act (CAA). EPA is providing information on the status of its adequacy determination for the motor vehicle emission budgets (MVEBs) that are identified in the 8-hour maintenance plan for the Fredericksburg area for purposes of transportation conformity, and is also proposing to approve those MVEBs. EPA is proposing approval of the