

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Parts 14 and 36

[Docket No. VA–2024–VACO–0023]

RIN 2900–AS05

Legal Services, General Counsel, and Miscellaneous Claims

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Proposed rule; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is withdrawing the proposed rule published in the **Federal Register** on November 7, 2024 (89 FR 88192) and proposed amendments to its regulations governing Legal Services, the Office of General Counsel, and Miscellaneous Claims. VA is withdrawing this proposed rule because of ongoing assessments of agency needs, priorities, and objectives.

DATES: The proposed rule published at 89 FR 88192 on November 7, 2024, is withdrawn as of January 27, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this action is available at www.regulations.gov/docket/VA-2024-VACO-0023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Weiner, Acting Executive Director, Management, Planning, and Analysis, Office of General Counsel, (202) 461–4995.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a document published in the **Federal Register** on November 7, 2024, VA proposed amendments to its regulations in 38 CFR part 14 to reflect nomenclature changes regarding employees and groups within the Office of General Counsel and to make other changes intended to further clarify and explain various functions and procedures within the Office of General Counsel. VA also proposed to remove § 36.4321 as a result of proposed revisions to § 14.515(e). VA anticipated incorporating comments into a final rulemaking which would amend its legal services regulations.

VA is withdrawing the proposed rule because of ongoing assessments of agency needs, priorities, and objectives. VA appreciates the public comments submitted and continues to consider the best means of addressing some or all of the issues covered in the proposed rule. If, in the future, VA decides it is appropriate to issue regulations on this topic, VA will do so through a new notice of proposed rulemaking, subject to the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 551, *et seq.*

Signing Authority

Douglas A. Collins, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on January 22, 2026 and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Nicole R. Cherry,

*Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer,
Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

39 CFR part 3050

[Docket No. RM2026–2; Order No. 9433]

Periodic Reporting

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Commission is acknowledging a recent Postal Service filing requesting the Commission initiate a rulemaking proceeding to consider changes to analytical principles relating to periodic reports. This document informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps. **DATES:** *Comments are due:* February 23, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission’s Filing Online system at <https://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

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I. Introduction

On January 21, 2026, the Postal Service filed a petition pursuant to 39 CFR 3050.11 requesting that the Commission initiate a rulemaking proceeding to consider a proposed change to analytical principles relating to the Postal Service’s periodic reports.¹

¹ Petition of the United States Postal Service to Initiate a Proceeding to Change Analytical

The Petition identifies the proposed analytical principles change filed in this docket as modifications to the Revenue, Pieces, and Weight (RPW) reporting methodology for using unadjusted Origin-Destination Information System (ODIS)—RPW statistical sample estimates. Petition, Proposal at 3. Specifically, the Postal Service seeks to change the RPW reporting methodology for measuring the national totals of U.S. Postal Service Mail, Free Mail, and Absentee Ballots.² For these mail categories, the ODIS—RPW sampling estimates would no longer be subject to the Book Revenue Adjustment Factor (BRAf) adjustment. *Id.*

II. Proposal

Background. The Postal Service proposes to exclude ODIS—RPW sampling estimates for U.S. Postal Service Mail, Free Mail, and Absentee Ballots from the BRAf adjustment no earlier than FY 2026, Quarter 2. *Id.* at 3–4. If approved, in the FY 2026 *Annual Compliance Report* (ACR), it would retrospectively revise RPW numbers for FY 2026, Quarter 1 and FY 2025 same period last year (SPLY). *Id.* at 4.

Rationale. The proposed methodology change would stop applying the BRAf adjustment to mail categories sampled through ODIS—RPW that have no associated revenue. *Id.* The Postal Service explains that the purpose of the BRAf is to adjust the ODIS—RPW sample estimates so that the total revenue is equal to the Residual Trial Balance Revenue.³ It states that U.S. Postal Service Mail, Free Mail, and Absentee Ballots do not impact the BRAf because they have zero revenue, and their zero revenues cannot be adjusted by the BRAf. *Id.* at 4. Thus, the BRAf adjustment should not apply to the ODIS—RPW sampling estimates for these mail categories. *Id.*

Impact. To measure the impact of the proposed methodology change, the Postal Service filed the FY 2025 ACR RPW (for the full fiscal year and by quarter) without BRAf adjustments to U.S. Postal Service Mail, Free Mail, and Absentee Ballots and compared them to

Principles, January 21, 2026 (Petition). The proposed change is attached to the Petition (Proposal).

² *Id.* Free Mail includes Free Matter for the Blind and/or Other Physically Handicapped Persons and Free Government Mail. *Id.*

³ *Id.* at 3. Specifically, the BRAf adjusts ODIS—RPW estimates “by the ratio of the Residual Trial Balance divided by the total ODIS—RPW Single-Piece Sampling Revenue (not including Forever Usage) so that the total adjusted ODIS—RPW estimates revenue equals the Residual Trial Balance.” *Id.* at 4. The BRAf also adjusts volume and weight estimates to maintain consistent revenue per piece and weight per piece estimates. *Id.*

the original versions with the BRAF adjustments. *Id.* These filings show the absolute and percentage change of the proposed methodology relative to the current methodology. *Id.*

The Postal Service asserts that if the proposed methodology replaced the current methodology in FY 2025, revenue for the following categories would not have changed: U.S. Postal Service Mail, Free Mail, Ancillary Service Transactions, Total Market Dominant Mail, Total Mail, Total All Services, and Total All Mail and Services. *Id.* at 5. Also, Total All Revenue and Total All Other Revenue would not have changed. *Id.* For U.S. Postal Service Mail and Free Mail, volume would have increased by 1.1 percent and 3.1 percent, respectively; and weight would have increased by 1.6 percent and 2.3 percent, respectively. *Id.* For Ancillary Service Transactions, volume would have increased by 0.3 percent, and weight would not have changed. *Id.* For Total Market Dominant Mail and Total Mail, both volume and weight would have changed by less than 0.1 percent. *Id.* The Postal Service concludes that the proposed methodology change will improve the reporting of ODIS–RPW estimates for U.S. Postal Service Mail, Free Mail, and Absentee Ballots. *Id.*

III. Notice and Comment

Pursuant to 39 CFR 3050.11(d)(1), the Commission establishes Docket No. RM2026–2 to consider the matters raised by the Petition. More information on the Petition may be accessed via the Commission’s website at <https://www.prc.gov>. Interested persons may submit comments on the Petition and the Proposal no later than February 23, 2026. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Katalin Clendenin is designated as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding. The Public Representative does not represent any individual person, entity or particular point of view, and, when Commission attorneys are appointed, no attorney-client relationship is established.

IV. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2026–2 to consider the matters raised by the Petition of the United States Postal Service to Initiate a Proceeding to Change Analytical Principles, filed January 21, 2026.

2. Comments by interested persons in this proceeding are due no later than February 23, 2026.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints Katalin Clendenin

to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this docket.

4. This Order, or abstract thereof, shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Parvaneh Higareda

Alternate Federal Register Liaison.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 2

[OGC–2022–0885; FRL 5630–02–OGC]

RIN 2015–AA05

Freedom of Information Act Regulations Update

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or agency) proposes revisions to the agency’s regulations under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA or Act). This action is based on EPA’s targeted reconsideration of the 2023 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Regulations Update, Phase II. EPA proposes to eliminate the inclusion of the newly minted Environmental Justice Expedited Processing (EJ EP) criteria.

DATES: Written comments on this proposal will be accepted on or before February 26, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, identified by Docket ID No. OGC–2022–0885, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:*

<https://www.regulations.gov/> (our preferred method). Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center, Office of General Counsel Docket, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* EPA Docket Center, WJC West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004. The Docket Center’s hours of operations are 8:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except Federal Holidays).

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket ID No. for this rulemaking. Comments received may be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov/>, including any

personal information provided. For detailed instructions on sending comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the “Public Participation” heading of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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I. Public Participation

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. OGC–2022–0885, at <https://www.regulations.gov> (our preferred method), or the other methods identified in the **ADDRESSES** section. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from the docket. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit to EPA’s docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI), Proprietary Business Information (PBI), or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.*, on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). Please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets> for additional submission methods; the full EPA public comment policy; information about CBI, PBI, or multimedia submissions; and general guidance on making effective comments.

II. Does this action apply to me?

This discussion is not intended to be exhaustive but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be regulated by this action. This discussion includes the types of entities that the EPA is now aware could potentially be regulated by this action. Other types of entities not included could also be