

USPS PROPOSED REVISIONS TO REGIONAL INSTRUCTION 399

On March 13, 1984, a meeting was held with USPS Representatives to discuss the proposed revision R.I. 399 as outlined in the James Gildea letter dated February 28, 1984.

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APWU: WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED REVISIONS?

USPS: The proposed revisions only reflect what is currently in item 3 of operation "010".

COMMENTS: Operation 010 is entitled: Originating Mail Preparation: Item 3:

"opens and dump sacks or other containers."

Operation 110-129: Outgoing SPR/PP Distribution Pouch rack and Loose Pack

Proposed revision will add the following to the above description "opening and traying."

Item 3 as currently printed:

"Dumping sacks, pouches or containers"-
proposed revision: "Cull/segregate mail by type/characteristics and make basic local/out-of-town splits to trays, hampers, gurneys, conveyors, nutting trucks, or other containers."

USPS: This change reflects that, in operations where culling is not an integral part of the distribution function, the primary craft for assignment of this work is mailhandler.

APWU: IS IT YOUR POSITION TO INVOLVE THE MAILHANDERS IN THE POUCHING OR DISTRIBUTION OPERATION?

USPS: No intent to change the current pouching operation nor to create a distribution function for the mail-handlers.

APWU: WHY THE ADDITION OF OPERATION 140-149?

USPS: The current R.I. 399 does not contain operations 140-149.

Proposed change to reflect Multi-Position Flat Sorting Machine Distribution. The primary craft for the machine distribution of all classes of flats will be identified as clerk.

APWU: WHY THE REVISION IN OPERATION 180-189?

USPS: Operation 180-189 -Incoming SPR Distribution, Opening and Traying.

Item 3 will be changed to read the same as item 3 of operation 110-129 as follows:

"Dumping sacks, pouches, or containers. Cull/segregate mail by type/characteristics and make basic local/out-of-town splits to trays, hampers, gurneys, conveyors, nutting trucks, or other containers."

COMMENTS: The service representatives insisted the proposed revisions only reflects an accurate description of the work being performed.

The APWU did not agree or disagree with their position, however, we did reinforce our argument that mailhandlers are not to be involved in distribution of any type.

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