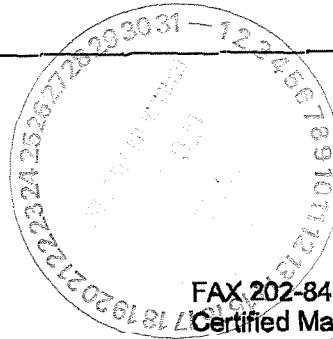


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RE: Area Mail Processing Feasibility Survey

Dear Bill:

As a matter of general information, it is the intent of the U. S. Postal Service to conduct an Area Mail Processing (AMP) survey for the feasibility of consolidating certain mail processing operations at the following locations:

- Aberdeen, SD Customer Service Mail Processing Center (CSMPC) into Dakota Central (Huron), SD Processing & Distribution Center (P&DC)
- Carroll, IA CSMPC into Des Moines, IA Processing & Distribution Center (P&DC)
- Glenwood Springs, CO CSMPC into Grand Junction, CO CSMPC
- Helena, MT CSMPC into Great Falls, MT CSMPC
- Hutchinson, KS CSMPC into Wichita, KS P&DC
- LaCrosse, WI CSMPC into Rochester, MN Processing & Distribution Facility (P&DF)
- Sheridan, WY CSMPC into Billings, MT P&DC
- Twin Falls, ID CSMPC into Boise, ID P&DC
- Wheatland, WY CSMPC into Cheyenne, WY P&DC
- McCook, NE CSMPC into North Platte, NE CSMPC

The reason for the survey is to address the shifting mail volume and the need to manage capacity needs while improving efficiency.

This letter is solely intended to provide you with information that we plan to conduct the study. The study results will be analyzed and a decision will then be made. This letter is not intended as notice of future changes in mail processing, and is not a notice of affect on employees. You will be provided with the appropriate contractual notice, if any is required, when a decision is made on the survey results.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mary Hércules, at (202) 268-4356.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Dockins".

John W. Dockins
Manager
Contract Administration (APWU)