

the articles of incorporation by sending us a certified resolution of the board of directors of the service corporation and stating:

(i) The section(s) to be amended;  
 (ii) The reason(s) for the amendment;  
 (iii) The language of the articles of incorporation provision, as amended;  
 and

(iv) That the requisite shareholder approval has been obtained. The request will be subject to our approval as stated in paragraphs (a) and (c) of this section.

(2) We may at any time make any changes in the articles of incorporation of your service corporation that are necessary and appropriate for the accomplishment of the purposes of the Act.

(f) *When your service corporation issues equities, what are the disclosure requirements?* Your service corporation must provide the disclosures described in § 615.5250(c) and (d) of this chapter.

#### **§ 611.1136 Regulation and examination of service organizations.**

(a) *What regulations apply to a service organization?* Because a service organization is formed by banks and associations, it is subject to applicable Farm Credit Administration (we, our) regulations.

(b) *Who examines a service organization?* We examine service organizations.

(c) *What types of service organizations are subject to our regulations and examination?* Incorporated service corporations and unincorporated service organizations formed by banks and associations are subject to our regulations and examination.

#### **§ 611.1137 Title VIII service corporations.**

(a) *What is a title VIII service corporation?* A title VIII service corporation is a service corporation organized for the purpose of exercising the authorities granted under title VIII of the Act to act as an agricultural mortgage marketing facility.

(b) *How do I form a title VIII service corporation?* A title VIII service corporation is formed and regulated in the same manner as a service corporation formed under § 611.1135, with one exception. The Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation or its affiliates may not form or own stock in a title VIII service corporation.

### **PART 615—FUNDING AND FISCAL AFFAIRS, LOAN POLICIES AND OPERATIONS, AND FUNDING OPERATIONS**

4. The authority citation for part 615 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** Secs. 1.5, 1.7, 1.10, 1.11, 1.12, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.12, 3.1, 3.7, 3.11, 3.25, 4.3, 4.3A, 4.9, 4.14B, 4.25, 5.9, 5.17, 6.20, 6.26, 8.0, 8.3, 8.4, 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, 8.10, 8.12 of the Farm Credit Act (12 U.S.C. 2013, 2015, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2093, 2122, 2128, 2132, 2146, 2154, 2154a, 2160, 2202b, 2211, 2243, 2252, 2278b, 2278b-6, 2279aa, 2279aa-3, 2279aa-4, 2279aa-6, 2279aa-7, 2279aa-8, 2279aa-10, 2279aa-12); sec. 301(a) of Pub. L. 100-233, 101 Stat. 1568, 1608.

#### **Subpart I—Issuances of Equities**

5. Amend § 615.5220 by revising paragraph (a)(3) to read as follows:

##### **§ 615.5220 Capitalization bylaws.**

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(a) \* \* \*

(3) The number of shares and par value of equities authorized to be issued for each class of equities. However, the bylaws need not state a limit for these equities:

(i) Equities that are required to be purchased as a condition of obtaining a loan.

(ii) Non-voting stock resulting from the conversion of voting stock due to repayment of a loan.

(iii) Non-voting equities that are issued to an association's funding bank in conjunction with any agreement for a transfer of capital between the association and the bank.

(iv) Equities issued solely for the purpose of distributing an institution's earnings.

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##### **§ 615.5250 [Amended]**

6. Amend § 615.5250(c)(2) by removing the reference to "(d)(1)" and adding in its place, the reference "(c)(1)".

Dated: December 16, 1999.

**Vivian L. Portis,**

*Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.*

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### **POSTAL SERVICE**

#### **39 CFR Part 111**

#### **Loading Requirements for PVDS Mailings**

**AGENCY:** Postal Service.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service is seeking comments on a proposed revision to the Domestic Mail Manual to require that if Periodicals mail is on the same vehicle as Standard Mail prepared for Plant Verified Drop Shipment (PVDS), then

the Periodicals mail must be loaded toward the tail of the vehicle so that, for each destination entry, Periodicals mail can be offloaded first.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 24, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be mailed or delivered to the Manager, Mail Preparation and Standards, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 6800, Washington DC 20260-2405. Copies of all written comments will be available for inspection and photocopying at USPS Headquarters Library, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, 11th Floor N, Washington DC 20260-1540 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Photocopies cost \$0.15 per page.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lynn Martin, (202) 268-6351 or Anne Emmerth, (202) 268-2363.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Postal Service has been working closely with the National Mailers Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) Periodicals Service Improvement Team to resolve service issues related to the processing and delivery of Periodicals mail. One item discussed in these meetings was the proper positioning of Periodicals mail in vehicles when it is part of a mixed load (*i.e.*, loaded in the same vehicle as Standard Mail) for destination entry. For service reasons, the Postal Service generally handles Periodicals mail before Standard Mail. Some members of the National Periodicals Service Improvement Team were in favor of adding a requirement mandating that, for vehicles containing both Standard Mail and Periodicals mail prepared for destination entry, the Periodicals mail be loaded toward the tail of the vehicle to allow the Periodicals mail to be offloaded first. This could improve service and also allow the Postal Service to more readily track the arrival and unloading of the Periodicals mail. This issue was also recently discussed at a Periodicals Advisory Group (PAG) meeting, which consisted of both publishers and printers. The PAG also voiced a majority opinion in support of a policy that would require such loading of vehicles containing both Periodicals and Standard Mail.

In view of the support expressed by a number of Periodicals publishers and printers, the Postal Service is hereby soliciting comments on a proposed Domestic Mail Manual revision for PVDS mail to require that if Periodicals mail is on the same vehicle as Standard Mail, then the Periodicals mail must be loaded toward the tail of the vehicle so

that, for each destination entry, Periodicals mail can be offloaded first.

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 revisions of the Domestic Mail Manual (DMM), incorporated by reference in the Code of Federal Regulations. See 39 CFR part 111.

#### 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:

**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. Amend the following sections of the Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) as set forth below:

#### Domestic Mail Manual (DMM)

##### E Eligibility

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##### E600 Standard Mail

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##### E651 Regular, Nonprofit, and Enhanced Carrier Route Standard Mail

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#### 2.0 VERIFICATION

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#### 2.2 Mail Separation and Presentation

*[Revise item 2.2c to read as follows:]*

c. For destination entry of PVDS mail, if Periodicals mail is on the same vehicle as Standard Mail (A), then the Periodicals mail must be loaded toward the tail of the vehicle so that, for each destination entry, Periodicals mail can be offloaded first.

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##### E652 Parcel Post

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#### 4.0 DEPOSIT

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#### 4.2 Mail Separation and Presentation

*[Revise item 4.2e to read as follows:]*

e. For destination entry of PVDS mail, if Periodicals mail is on the same vehicle as Parcel Post, then the Periodicals mail must be loaded toward the tail of the vehicle so that, for each destination entry, Periodicals mail can be offloaded first.

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#### P750 Plant-Verified Drop Shipment (PVDS)

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#### 2.0 PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

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*[Amend 2.12 to add the following as the next to last sentence:]*

#### 2.12 Mailer Transport of PVDS

\* \* \* If Periodicals mail is on the same vehicle as Standard Mail, then the Periodicals mail must be loaded toward the tail of the vehicle so that, for each destination entry, Periodicals mail can be offloaded first. \* \* \*

*[Amend 2.13 to add the following as the last sentence:]*

#### 2.13 Separation of PVDS Mailings

\* \* \* If Periodicals mail is on the same vehicle as Standard Mail, then the Periodicals mail must be loaded toward the tail of the vehicle so that, for each destination entry, Periodicals mail can be offloaded first.

An appropriate amendment to 39 CFR 111.3 will be published to reflect these changes if the proposal is adopted.

Stanley F. Mires,

Chief Counsel, Legislative.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

##### 40 CFR Parts 52 and 70

[MO 083–1083b; FRL–6511–1]

#### Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA proposes to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the state of Missouri for the purpose of approving certain portions of the SIP revisions submitted by the state of Missouri and as revisions to the part 70 (operating permits) program. These revisions established emission and service fees for 1997 and 1998 and clarify language regarding reporting requirements, emission calculations, and verification. In the final rules section of the **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the state's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision amendment and anticipates no relevant adverse comments. A detailed

rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no relevant adverse comments are received in response to this action, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives relevant adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed action. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this document. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposed action must be received in writing by January 24, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to Kim Johnson, Environmental Protection Agency, Air Planning and Development Branch, 901 North 5th Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66101.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Johnson at (913) 551–7975.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** See the information provided in the direct final rule which is located in the rules section of the **Federal Register**.

Dated: November 29, 1999.

Dennis Grams,

Regional Administrator, Region VII.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

##### 40 CFR Part 503

[FRL–6513–3]

RIN 2040–AC25

#### Standards for the Use or Disposal of Sewage Sludge

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to amend management standards for sewage sludge by adding a numeric concentration limit for dioxin and dioxin-like compounds (“dioxins”) in sewage sludge that is applied to the land, and monitoring, record keeping and reporting requirements for dioxins in sewage sludge that is land applied. Today's action also presents the results of risk assessments for dioxins in sewage sludge that is applied to the land, placed in surface disposal units, or incinerated. Based on these risk assessments, the Agency is not proposing additional numeric standards or management practice requirements