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Mr. Cliff Guffey President American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO 1300 L Street N.W. Washington, DC 20005-4128

Dear Cliff:

Effective July 1 the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) is suspending our electronic transfer of Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA) information and limiting access to other information related to OWCP claims.

Impacts of this change include:

- The Postal Service will no longer receive case file numbers from DOL. In order to forward reports, claims for wage loss, or other documentation, we will need to obtain case numbers from the employee or telephonically from DOL.
- Employees will no longer be able to obtain status information or verification of claim receipt from Health and Resource Management (HRM). Rather, employees will need to contact DOL.
- All third-party subrogation claims will be sent to DOL for processing on July 1. This applies to
 all new third party claims as well as all pending claims. Employees who have questions or
 would like to request information regarding a FECA third-party claim should call Department
 of Labor's Office of the Solicitor, Federal Employees' and Energy Workers' Compensation
 Division at 202-693-5320 or submit a request by fax (to the attention of the FECA
 Subrogation Unit) at 202-693-5360.

Please contact Janet Peterson at extension 5127 if you have questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Alan S. Moore Manager

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