

LABOR RELATIONS



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Gentlemen:

After reviewing the various types of work performed in connection with operating the Robotic Containerization System (RCS), the Postal Service has determined that the primary craft to perform work associated with operation of the RCS is the Mail Handler craft.

All craft assignments related to RCS should be made in accordance with this determination, the provisions of RI-399, including the principles of "efficient and effective operation" and the "four hours criteria", and the procedures outlined in the "Operational Change" provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding, Re: Dispute Resolution Procedures, dated April 29, 1992.

If you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please contact Frank Jacquette (202-268-3843) at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea B. Wilson".

Andrea B. Wilson  
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