

PART 146—[REMOVED]

■ Accordingly, by the authority of 10 U.S.C. 301, 32 CFR part 146 is removed.

Dated: February 17, 2006.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****32 CFR Part 343**

[DoD Directive 5124.02]

Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R))

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document removes part 343, “Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R))” in Title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This part has served the purpose for which it was intended in the CFR and is no longer necessary.

DATES: *Effective Date:* February 24, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: L.M. Bynum, (703) 696-4970.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This part 343 is removed to as a part of a DoD exercise to remove organizational charters from the CFR. The revised DoD Directive 5124.04 is available at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/htm/512402.htm>

List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 343

Organizations.

PART 343—[REMOVED]

Accordingly, by the authority of 10 U.S.C. 301, 32 CFR part 343 is removed.

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POSTAL SERVICE**39 CFR Part 111****Bundling Flat-Size and Irregular Parcel Mail**

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule requires mailers to use two bands to secure all bundles of presorted flat-size mail and irregular parcels when those bundles are not shrinkwrapped.

DATES: *Effective Date:* April 30, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Chatfield, 202-268-7278.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

We published a proposal in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 66314; November 2, 2005) to require mailers to use at least two bands—one band around the length and one around the width—when only banding is used to secure bundles of flat-size and irregular parcel mailpieces. This requirement eliminates the current option to place only one band around bundles 1-inch thick or less.

Bundle integrity—the ability of bundles to remain intact—is crucial for our new, high-speed Automated Package Processing System (APPS). When bundles break open, we lose the value of mailers’ presort, and we must handle individual pieces manually. Manual handling of mailpieces from broken or loose bundles results in delayed delivery and increases our processing costs.

Comments Received

We received two comments on our proposal. One commenter said it may be difficult to use two bands and maintain visible address and presort information on the top piece of each bundle. Secure bundles with visible addresses and presort designations are key APPS requirements. Mailers may use clear, smooth strapping or place the address on an unobscured part of the mailpiece (for example, in the center of one of the quadrants on the face of the mailpiece). Mailers may avoid banding altogether by shrinkwrapping bundles.

The commenter also said that the new address visibility requirement should have been published together with the new bundling standards. While we changed the standards for address visibility on October 27, 2005, mailers were given a 6-month grace period to comply. We encourage mailers to meet those standards as soon as possible, but mailers are not required to comply until April 30, 2006. The April 30, 2006, implementation date for the new bundling standards matches the compliance date for address visibility.

The second commenter disagreed that bundles prepared with only banding should be required to have bands around the length and width. The commenter stated that, in some cases,

using two parallel bands around the width of the bundle is sufficient.

The standards that require at least one band around the length and one around the width for most bundles are not new standards and help ensure that bundles maintain their integrity. Mailers may use two parallel bands around the width when it can increase the integrity of the bundle, but these bands must be in addition to a third band around the length. The new standard requiring at least one band around the length and one around the width for all bundles that are not shrinkwrapped will prevent even small bundles from falling apart.

Effective Date

Mailers must prepare presort bundles of flat-size mail and irregular parcels according to the new standards beginning April 30, 2006, but we encourage mailers to follow the new standards immediately.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 111

Administrative practice and procedure, Postal Service.

■ Accordingly, 39 CFR part 111 is amended as follows:

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, 3001–3011, 3201–3219, 3403–3406, 3621, 3626, 5001.

■ 2. Amend the following sections of *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) as follows:

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300 Discount Flats

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330 First-Class Mail

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335 Mail Preparation

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2.0 BUNDLES

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2.4 Securing Bundles

■ [Add new item b as follows. Make an identical change in 345.2.5 (for Standard Mail flats), 365.2.5 (for Bound Printed Matter flats), 375.2.5 (for Media Mail flats), 385.2.5 (for Library Mail flats), 435.2.5 (for First-Class Mail parcels), 465.2.5 (for Bound Printed Matter parcels), 475.2.5 (for Media Mail parcels), 485.2.5 (for Library Mail parcels), and 707.19.4 (for Periodicals).]

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■ b. When using only banding to secure bundles, the following additional requirements apply.

■ 1. Use at least one band to encircle the length of the bundle and use at least one band to encircle the width of the bundle.

■ 2. Use tension sufficient to tighten and depress the edges of the bundle so that pieces do not slip out of the banding during transit and processing.

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340 Standard Mail

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345 Mail Preparation

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2.0 BUNDLES

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2.6 Preparing Bundles in Sacks

■ [Revise introductory text to refer to the new banding requirements as follows. Delete item b to remove the old banding requirements and renumber items c through f as items b through e. Make identical changes in 707.19.8 (for Periodicals).]

■ In addition to the standards in 2.5, mailers must prepare and secure bundles placed in sacks as follows.

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■ [Switch 445.2.5 and 445.2.6 for Standard Mail parcels. Revise new 2.5 using the text in 335.2.4 above; revise new 2.6 using the text in 345.2.6 above.]

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■ [Replace text in 705.8.5.11 with text in new 335.2.4 above for bundles on pallets. Delete 705.8.5.12; renumber

8.5.13 and 8.5.14 as new 8.5.12 and 8.5.13.]

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 60

[EPA-OAR-2002-0053, FRL-8025-9]

RIN 2060-AK35

Standards of Performance for Stationary Gas Turbines

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Direct final rule; amendments.

SUMMARY: EPA is taking direct final action to revise certain portions of the standards of performance for stationary gas turbines. We are taking direct final action to revise the standards to clarify that EPA is not imposing new requirements for turbines constructed after 1977. Owners and operators of existing and new turbines may use monitoring that meets the pre-existing monitoring requirements. In addition, we have described a number of acceptable compliance monitoring options that owners and operators may elect to use for these units. We see making the amendments by direct final rule as non-controversial and anticipate no adverse comments.

DATES: The direct final rule amendments are effective on April 25, 2006 without further notice, unless EPA receives adverse comment by March 27, 2006 or a public hearing is requested. If EPA receives such comments, it will

publish a timely withdrawal in the **Federal Register** indicating which provisions are being withdrawn due to adverse comment.

ADDRESSES: EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID No. EPA-OAR-2002-0053. All documents in the docket are listed on the www.regulations.gov Web site. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, *i.e.*, CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the Internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically through www.regulations.gov or in hard copy at the Air and Radiation Docket, Docket ID No. EPA-OAR-2002-0053, EPA/DC, EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Air and Radiation Docket is (202) 566-1742.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jaime Pagán, Combustion Group, Emission Standards Division (C439-01), U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711; telephone number (919) 541-5340; facsimile number (919) 541-5450; electronic mail address "pagan.jaime@epa.gov."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Regulated Entities.* Entities potentially regulated by this action are those that own and operate stationary gas turbines, and are the same as the existing rule in 40 CFR part 60, subpart GG. Regulated categories and entities include:

Category	NAICS	SIC	Examples of regulated entities
Any industry using a stationary combustion turbine as defined in 40 CFR 60.331(a).	2211	4911	Electric services.
	486210	4922	Natural gas transmission.
	211111	1311	Crude petroleum and natural gas.
	211112	1321	Natural gas liquids.
	221	4931	Electric and other services, combined.

This table is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be regulated by this action. If you have questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the contact person listed in the preceding **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Comments. EPA is publishing the direct final amendments without prior proposal because we view the amendments as noncontroversial and anticipate no adverse comment. In the "Proposed Rules" section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is publishing a separate document that will serve as the proposal in the event that timely adverse comments are received.

Comments may be submitted using the methods and following the instructions specified in the proposal published in the "Proposed Rules" section of today's **Federal Register**. If EPA receives adverse comment on the amendments, we will publish a timely withdrawal in the **Federal Register** indicating which provisions will become effective and which provisions are being withdrawn