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Dear Mark:

As you may or may not be aware, a recent act of Congress directed the Secretary of Transportation to establish a Clearinghouse. (See 49 CFR 382.701 through 382.727). The Clearinghouse is a secure online database providing employers, state licensing agencies, and enforcement officers with real-time information about commercial driver's license (CDL) holders' violations of the Department of Transportation (DOT) drug or alcohol testing rules. The Postal Service is required to abide by DOT's drug and alcohol testing regulations which now include the Clearinghouse.

Initial information of employees holding CDLs will be entered into the Clearinghouse by their State Driver Licensing Agency (SDLA). As of January 6, 2020, the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse is fully operational and mandatory use is now in effect.

Drivers may register with the Clearinghouse and registration is optional. Registration will allow drivers free access to their own Clearinghouse record.

The Postal Service is required to query the Clearinghouse for current and prospective employees' drug and alcohol violations. The Postal Service is required to annually query the Clearinghouse for each driver they currently employ. Employees will be required to sign a consent to allow the Postal Service to run the annual query. (See 49 CFR 382.701 (b)). The Postal Service anticipates to run the first query in late 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact James Lloyd at extension 3946.

Sincerely,

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