

All of this is from the point it is at the final Processing Plant (GMF for General Mail Facility) before dispatch to the Delivery unit.

CFS Environment: mail is handled as such, from end to end:

- Mailpiece is processed at GMF at day 0
- Delivery is attempted at day 1
- Carrier identifies mailpiece and it is sent to CFS unit.
- Mailpiece usually arrives at CFS unit on day 1 afternoon and is processed same day. (I believe most CFS units are allowed at least 24 hours before the mailpiece is declared delayed and would not be required to be processed on the same day)
- (Many remote units have transportation that arrives next day on day 2)
- Mailpiece is usually sent back to GMF for processing on day 2
- Assuming local delivery, mailpiece is processed on day 2 and sent to new delivery unit for delivery on day 3.

PARS Environment:

- Mailpiece is processed at GMF at day 0. Mailpiece is intercepted on BCS or OCR and sent to the CIOSS (modified DIOSS with labeler) for redirection.
- Mailpiece is processed on CIOSS on day 1, and sent back into the mail stream for delivery on day 2, assuming local delivery.

These timelines are optimistic. Delivery units that are remote from the GMF would have much better service under PARS since the mailpiece does not have to go out and back as in the current CFS model.

Capture rate on the DIOSS is somewhat low (not sure.... Maybe 70%? currently). There are some types of mail that are sent to the carrier for confirmation. Some classes of mail cannot be confirmed by the DIOSS (Standard, Periodicals, etc) and these are handled differently, but I'm not sure completely.... I believe Standard Mail is sent to the carrier for confirmation before trashing if there is not an endorsement that is recognized by the DIOSS.

Best regards,

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