

**CASS 2002-2003 STAGE1 FILE
NEW THINGS TO LOOK FOR**

The following is a brief overview of changes that will be found in the 2002-2003 STAGE file. More specific information and examples about new types of questions can be found in the CASS Meeting 2002-2003 Minutes.

NEW STAGE FIELDS to be Graded

The ZIP+4 record type (S, P, R, H, F, etc) has been present and populated on Stage1 files in the past. Now, it is required to be returned in Stage2 test. It is located in column 517.

EARLY WARNING SYSTEM

An Early Warning System flag has been added in column 554. This flag will be set to "Y" by software to indicate a NOMATCH has been made due to the fact that the input address makes an exact match to the EWS file. In addition, a new subcategory has been added to specifically test for EWS nomatches.

DPV, DSF² and ELOT

New fields have been added for ELOT in columns 556-560, and for DPV in columns 561-563. DPV Licensees will use these fields to return results of software queries to the USPS DPV Hash tables. New fields have been added in columns 564-588 for DSF² Licensees to return additional required information from the USPS DPV Hash tables. In addition, 3 more header records have been added for use by DSF² Licensees.

The ELOT fields will only be populated when applying for ELOT certification.
NOTE: There will be no current LOT product certification for the 2002-2003 CASS cycle.

DPV fields will only be populated by DPV Licensees or pre-approved applicants for a DPV License. Anyone else populating the DPV fields will automatically fail a CASS test.

DSF² fields and header records will only be populated by DSF² Licensees or pre-approved applicants for a DSF² License. Anyone else populating the DSF² fields, or creating the DSF² header records, will automatically fail.