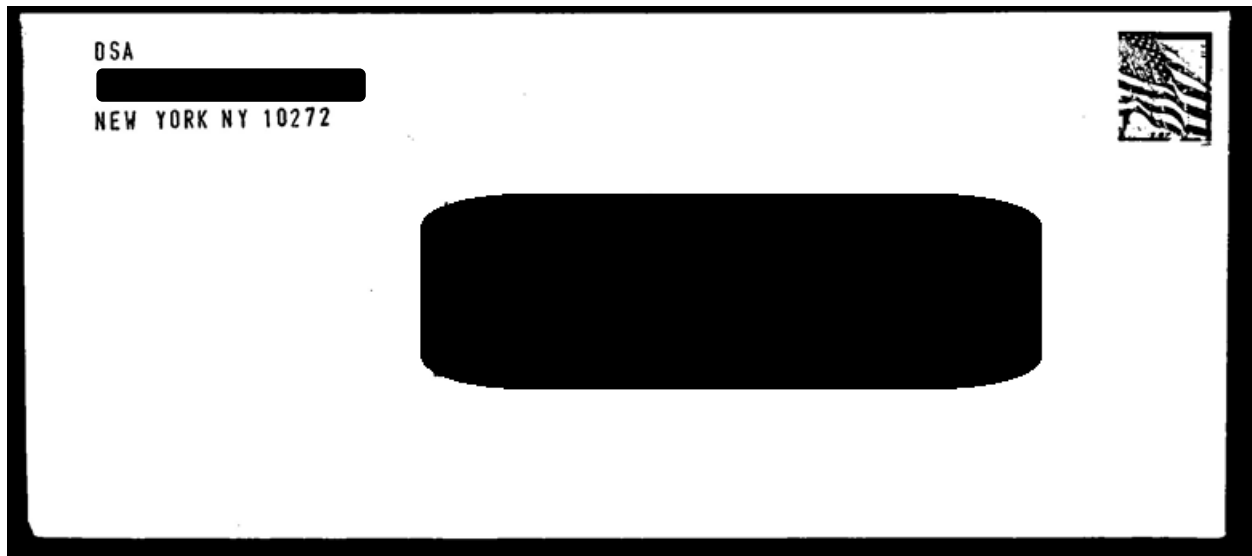




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Election Officials Update Suspicious Letters

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) are investigating multiple letters containing suspicious substances which were mailed to various addresses nationwide including Secretary of State offices and their related election offices. Law enforcement is working diligently to intercept any additional letters before they are delivered. All suspicious substances should be treated as potentially hazardous and must be handled in accordance with established safety protocols. To aid election officials in identifying potentially related suspicious mail, a picture of an associated envelope is shown below. It is important to note various letters contain different variations of stamps.



The election community should remain vigilant and exercise caution when handling the mail. Call 911 to report an immediate threat. Additionally, please report any threats or suspicious mail to the FBI, either through your contacts at the local FBI Field Office or 1-800-CALL-FBI.

WHAT STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN IF A PIECE OF MAIL LEAKS AN UNKNOWN SUBSTANCE?

When a suspect mailing is discovered, individuals should:

- Isolate the item.
- Quickly document the visible surfaces of the item including sender and recipient information, postmark data, and physical description if it can be done safely.

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- Maintain a safe physical distance from the item.
- Wash your hands with soap and water if they were in contact with the mail piece.
- Alert others nearby that a suspicious letter or package has been found.
- If medical attention is warranted, contact local authorities via 911.

The FBI, USPS, CISA, and EAC have issued “Election Mail Handling Procedures to Protect Against Hazardous Materials,” which provides an overview for election officials on preparing to handle mail safely, identifying potentially suspicious mail, and responding to potential hazardous materials exposure from handling mail. This guide is available online at [Election Mail Handling Procedures to Protect Against Hazardous Materials | CISA](#).