

MTAC Work Group (WG) # 136

Issue Title: Expanding and Enhancing ACS Data

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Issue Statement:

The Address Change Services (Traditional ACS, One Code ACS, and Full Service ACS) are important tools for complying with Move Update requirements as well as a best practice for address quality. In order to fully and effectively leverage these essential services, industry seeks to expand and enhance the data returned via ACS. Areas for consideration include:

- Enhance the value and understanding of the NIXIE return codes, including understanding the process, data elements, business rules, and final disposition of ACS and NIXIE records.
- Enhance mapping of ACS data usage and its application for keeping source name and address data current.
- Evaluate Non-delivery point validated addresses and identify barriers of getting a completed address.
- Understand the difference between ACS and NCOALink data to ensure consistent application and use of data, as appropriate.
- Evaluate fiscal impacts and usefulness to mailing industry of various ACS records, for example, Temporary-Away notices, duplicate COA notices, etc.

Impact on Other Issues/Procedures

The results of this workgroup will enhance the ACS systems and further encourage their usage to improve overall address quality.

Desired Results:

This workgroup will provide a set of recommendations for enhancing and expanding the ACS data and industry application of the data. The focus will be on data quality and improvements to USPS and industry systems that leverage ACS data.

Area of Focus: Address Accuracy

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