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Board Memo 052-2023: Mercury Spill Discovered at Las Vegas PSA Facility

Executive Board,

Below is an update from Rae Ann Haight, Director of National Preparedness, regarding a mercury spill at the Las Vegas PSA facility yesterday, June 5th.

WestPac / Western Division

SITUATION: At approx. 11:15PM Pacific Time 6/5/23, while stacking empty hampers at the corner of the facility at the Las Vegas PSA located at 1720 Chaparral Road - Henderson, NV 89044, two pea-sized beads of mercury were discovered in the bottom of an empty hamper (pic attached). The area was isolated, Inspection Service was contacted, and the Interim Mercury SOP protocols were initiated.

Source package not identified.

The hamper holding the two (2) pea-sized beads had been in the back corner of the facility and untouched for at least 4 days.

- Friday, 6/2/23, was the last time the site had processed mail (did not process mail Saturday or Sunday).
- Two SDUS machines are the onsite equipment
- Hours of operations are 3:00PM – 8:30AM

USPS Headquarters Industrial Hygienist engaged with contractors this AM and working through the mobilization of Emergency Preparedness Response and Recovery (EPRRS). Evaluation by EPRRS contractor will determine process for remediation. ETA for EPRRS is TBD.

Information below is current as of 1AM (Pacific Time).

Las Vegas PSA, Henderson, NV 89044

People:

- No employees came in contact with the beads of mercury nor had any adverse reactions; therefore, first responders were not contacted (per Interim Mercury SOP)
- Operations were halted
- All employees (35-40) were sent home

Property:

- Las Vegas PSA @ 1720 Chaparral Road - Henderson, NV 89044
- Corner of workroom floor cordoned off
- Facility secured and awaiting WSP (EPRRS) onsite response
- Building approximately 180,000 sq ft

Product:

- All package operations temporarily suspended
- Logistics and Processing coordinating Hub activities and redirects
- Awaiting arrival of EPRRS contractor

Communications:

- PANS alert initiated
- Employee Hotline is pending

Following EPRRS assessment and cleanup, clearance will be required prior to opening up for employees (**length of time not yet determined**).

Thank you, and be safe.

NAPS Headquarters