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Board Memo 053-2023: Update Mercury Spills Discovered in Las Vegas, Tularosa, NM, and El Paso, TX Facilities

Executive Board,

Below are updates from Rae Ann Haight, Director of National Preparedness, regarding mercury spills in Las Vegas, Tularosa, NM, and El Paso, TX facilities.

Site #1 Las Vegas PSA (Henderson NV)

1. Based on current information, Postal should plan for this site to be out of use for a worst-case scenario of an additional 5 -7 days (which includes cleanup, sampling, toxicology review, etc.)
2. Initial *visible* cleanup by WSP Subcontractor of mercury beads (found in an empty hamper 11:15PM PT 6/5) occurred yesterday, prior to WSP's arrival onsite. WSP arrived on site approx. at 10PM PT 6/6/23.
3. The SIMS 2 conveyor was screened and found to have elevated levels well above clearance criteria at the conveyor feed ramp.
4. The anti-fatigue mats near the keying station at the SIMS 2 machine also had reading slightly above clearance criteria (Adjacent to hamper area).
5. WSP moved to where the hamper containing mercury was found and located a spot on the floor in that area that had readings slightly above Postal clearance levels.
6. The supervisor who worked at that SIMS 2 keying station this past week had elevated mercury levels on her shoes. WSP arranged to keep her shoes. Her vehicle was screened and found not to have elevated readings.
7. A few other employees were screened when they arrived. One person's shoes was slightly elevated but personal vehicle was clear.
8. Supervisors have been asked to keep track of their employees as they are screened. The other hampers in that area were screened and found not to have elevated readings.
9. WSP will clear mail today and screen additional shoes and employees' vehicles, as needed.
10. Source package not identified.
11. WSP was unable to identify the package destination. Further investigation needed to identify mercury path.
12. The floor and anti-fatigue mats surrounding SIMS1 were screened and not found to be elevated.
13. WSP will need to clean approx. 3,000 sf of flooring surrounding SIMS 2 sorting machine, including areas of hamper area.
14. Additionally, the SIMS 2 feed ramp will need to be cleaned. The ability for mercury to fall into the machine still needs to be evaluated.
15. WSP walked the perimeter of the building and did an initial sweep of the dock doors (both inbound and outbound) and did not find any elevated readings.
16. Some mail was cleared in the impact zone and WSP will reassess today before releasing any mail to the Postal Service.

Site #2 Tularosa NM 88352 – Level 18 P.O.

1. EPRRS contractors are forecast to arrive to this site by this afternoon to begin an assessment.
 2. Prior to their assessment taking place, Postal should be prepared to be without this site for at least three (3) days (to include initial visible cleanup, evaluation, sampling, toxicology review, etc.).
 3. Based on the initial cleanup, findings, and sampling – the predicted 3 days could be potentially increased.
1. **No source package / letter / flat was initially identified.**

Site #3: El Paso TX P&DC

Precautionary visit decided yesterday 6/6 ~ the EPRRS contractors should arrive within the next three (3) hours to perform an evaluation walk through on docks and a few pre-determined locations in the facility.

Thank you, and be safe.

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