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### **Board Memo 057-2023: Updates on Mercury Spills Discovered in Las Vegas, Tularosa, and El Paso Facilities**

#### **Executive Board,**

Below are updates received over the weekend regarding mercury spills in Las Vegas, Tularosa, and El Paso facilities.

Below is the update for the seven (7) sites determined as the path for source package containing mercury.

The following four (4) facilities have been evaluated and cleared of mercury; pending receipt of final Certificate of Clearance:

1. Garside PO
2. Albuquerque ASF
3. Alamogordo Hub
4. Las Vegas P&DC

These remaining three (3) facilities are in progress:

#### **Las Vegas PSA**

Based on current information, Postal should continue plans for this site to be out of use for a worst-case scenario of an additional **2-4 days** (which includes cleanup, sampling, toxicology review, etc.)

- 70% of building cleared
- Visible mercury found in SIPPS 2 machine (amount TBD)
- Cleaning efforts on SIPPS2 machine will start today
- All the mail screened has come back below Postal clearance criteria
  - Including all the mail that was at SIPPS 2 machine
  - Coordinating release of the mail with Las Vegas P&DC
- Waste storage is being arranged

#### **El Paso PDC**

- Facility was assessed overnight. Initial data results indicate that facility is below Postal and regulatory guidelines for interior mercury levels. Confirmation and approval from Contractor toxicologist pending.
- Trailer is currently being cleaned – clearance TBD.
- Certificate of Clearance pending.
- Facility is operational.

## **Tularosa NM MPO**

Based on current information, Postal should continue to plan for this site to be out of use for a worst-case scenario of an additional **1-2 days** (which includes cleanup, sampling, toxicology review, etc.)

- 50sq.feet of flooring removed to clean residual mercury which seeped into the cracks.
- Floor was re-cleaned and found to be under limit.
- Starting the final clearance testing later today
  1. USPS Certified Industrial Hygienist will review data once collected
  2. Re-occupancy clearance will be issued after all tests have been completed and reviewed
- Some mail will need to be destroyed.
  1. Contractor will document the mail
- Waste storage is being arranged

Thank you, and be safe.

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