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Board Memo 178-2024: Mercury Spills in Phoenix Plant and Cove Creek Annex & Main Post Office

Executive Board,

Below are updates from Linda DeCarlo, Senior Director of Occupational Safety & Health, regarding mercury spills that occurred yesterday, November 19th at the Phoenix Plant, Cove Creek Annex, and Cove Creek Main Post Office.

FACILITY UPDATES

PHOENIX PLANT 852 – 4949 East Van Buren in Phoenix, AZ 85026

Completed Activities

- Contractor arrived onsite at approximately 2200 local time (11/18/24).
- Contractor screened the plant for mercury utilizing a mercury vapor analyzer (LUMEX).
- No mercury was identified at the plant. **Plant is clear to continue operations.**

Planned Activities

- No additional activities planned.

COVE CREEK CARRIER ANNEX – 6710 East Cave Creek Road in Cave Creek Road, AZ 85331

Completed Activities:

- Contractor arrived on site this morning and performed a visual inspection and mercury vapor screening via LUMEX.
- Mercury was identified at approx. 0630 local time (11/19/24).
- Shoes of employees were collected.
- **Facility was closed** – COOP location will be Arcadia PO.
- Delivery truck that brought mail from the plant to the annex was identified and brought to the site. Driver was also available for interview.

Planned Activities:

- Contractor will screen carrier vehicles; however, vehicles were not present on site this morning. Contractor working with the Postmaster to identify location.
- Contractor will screen delivery truck for mercury and interview driver for information on where the package might have traveled.
- Contractor will continue screening to determine path of package and remediation needs.
- Determine the process for handing over clean mail to local USPS.
- Contractor will make arrangements for decontamination tent.
- Contractor will make arrangements for clean item storage (e.g., Conex Container)

COVE CREEK MAIN POST OFFICE – 38400 North School House Road in Cave Creek, AZ 85331

Completed Activities:

- Currently, remediation efforts are on hold until the annex can be assessed.
- Site has been COOP'd to Arcadia PO

Planned Activities:

- Contractor will conduct a health and safety briefing.
- Contractor will locate and isolate the package, and if safe:
 - Attempt to weight the package to compare scanned weight to current weight.
 - Photograph the packing slip.
 - Photograph the package contents and any identifying information (serial number, model number, etc.).
- Determine the process for handing over clean mail to local USPS.
- Contractor will make arrangements for decontamination tent.
- Contractor will make arrangements for clean item storage (e.g., Conex Container)

Please share this information with your membership.

Thank you, and be safe.

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