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Board Memo 045-2023: Final Report on the Mercury Spill at Lake Michigan Post Office and Detroit NDC

Executive Board,

Below is the final report on the mercury spill that occurred May 15th at the Lake Michigan Post Office and Detroit NDC locations from Tony Cole, Manager of Emergency Preparedness.

Central Area

Michigan 2 District

Situation Final Update: After being cleared yesterday afternoon, the Lake and Farwell Post Offices reopen today (Thursday, May 25, 2023). Clearance letters for both facilities have been supplied to the Michigan 2 District. WSP, in coordination with Michigan 2 Leadership, continue to document mail pieces that will be sent for destruction at Lake PO. Storage sheds are being supplied by contractors for disposal items; estimated 2 weeks for waste to be processed.

Lake APO, Lake, MI 48632 (Level-18)

People:

- Employees reported to the Lake PO as scheduled today
- Q&A with employees was held at the COOP site yesterday
- Employee Hotline updated

Property:

- Lake Post Office was cleared to reoccupy yesterday afternoon
- Storage sheds will be provided for waste; 2 week estimate on cleanup of waste

Product:

- Mail that cannot be recovered is being documented
- Delivery operations resumed as normal
- Retail Operations resumed as normal
- Service and Industry Alerts have been updated
- FDB Operational Impact Report updated

Communications:

- Michigan 2 and Michigan 1 continue response to ongoing OSHA requests
- Law Department has been kept informed on OSHA request
- District Leadership is informed
- Employee Hotline has been updated
- Corporate Communications is developing information for media inquiries
- PANS will be updated

- MI2 Safety has been informed
- USPIS has been informed
- Transportation has been informed
- Unions have been informed and provided clearance letter
- Mail Incident Report needs on going tracking for operational and financial impacts related to event; POC for assistance John Franceschelli

Farwell PO, Farwell, MI 48622 (Level-18)

People:

- Employees reported to the Farwell PO as scheduled today
- Q&A with employees was held at the COOP site yesterday
- Employee Hotline updated

Property:

- Farwell Post Office was cleared to reoccupy yesterday afternoon
- Storage sheds will be provided for waste; 2 week estimate on cleanup of waste

Product:

- Delivery operations resumed as normal
- Retail Operations resumed as normal
- Service and Industry Alerts have been updated
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Please share this information with your membership.

Thank you, and be safe.

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