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Board Memo 059-2023: Update on Mercury Spills Discovered in Las Vegas

Executive Board,

Below is another update received over the weekend regarding mercury spill in Las Vegas.

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

The following six (6) 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
5. El Paso P&DC
6. Tularosa PO

One (1) remaining facility is 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 **3-4 days** (which includes cleanup, sampling, toxicology review, etc.) — **additional mercury was identified under the conveyor system and in the machine. This will create a delay in final clearance.** More information to come, as available.

- The conveyor belt was removed. Mercury was identified with readings well above Postal criteria levels.
- WSP will increase the amount of personnel on site in an attempt to clean machine and potentially lower mercury levels.
- USPS CIH and WSP reps are in discussions on alternative options should the increased cleaning not work properly – more details to come in the morning update on 6/12/23.
- 95% of parcels have been cleared and are ready to be taken off site.
- The 5% remaining mail will be decontaminated tomorrow.
- There are still a few outstanding items that will need further attention – 1 Gaylord and a few carts and hampers will be decontaminated tomorrow.

Thank you, and be safe.

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