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Board Memo 066-2023: Update on Mercury Spill in Las Vegas

Executive Board,

Below is an update on the mercury spill in Las Vegas.

Las Vegas PSA (Henderson)

- Contractor continued work on the SIPS 2 machine overnight.
 - 3 areas with elevated mercury levels within the SIPS 2 were cleaned/heat-treated the areas were rescanned.
 - 2 of the 3 remaining areas came back with acceptable readings.
 - Remaining area with levels above the criteria is near edge of the SIPS 2 machine.
 - Mercury was found in a crack in the concrete floor around an expansion joint.
 - Direct heat was applied within the joint using a propane torch and when rescanned levels had dropped but were still outside of acceptable criteria.
 - Contractor will now attempt to encapsulate the mercury within the concrete control joint using a water-based concrete sealer and then the area will be rescanned.
- The final assessment for clearance of the SIPS 2 will be to take readings from around the machine while it's running.
- **If all goes well, contractors believe the final clearance sampling process for the facility, may begin as early as mid-day 6/16/2023.**
 - Re-entry is dependent on:
 - Effectiveness of encapsulation
 - Speed in which the belt is installed on SIPS 2

Thank you, and be safe.

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