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Board Memo 073-2023: Update on Mercury Spill in Las Vegas

Executive Board,

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

6/20/2023: Las Vegas Mercury Spill update, information per USPS Industrial Hygienist Brandon Henderson

Las Vegas PSA (Henderson)

Admin portion of PSA

1. Contractor expects the analytical results of the office area by end of business today.
 1. Contractor will notify USPS once results are received.
 2. Contractor will supply Certificate of Clearance for the office area only once results are received.

SIPS 2 machine

1. Contractor continued heating and venting the SIPS 2 machine overnight.
 1. Contractor still got readings outside of the acceptable criteria.
 2. Contractor believes there is still mercury trapped within the crevices of the machine and more mercury is becoming exposed as the machine becomes more heated.
2. Contractor will continue to heat and vent the containment around SIPS 2 through today to vaporize and off gas mercury that is still trapped within the machine.
 1. The contractors believe the heating and venting process is effective but proving to be slow.

By close of day today, we will need to determine how to proceed. There are currently two options on the table. USPS IH will consult with the contractor and make a recommendation by 6/21/2023.

1. **Continue to heat and vent until the mercury numbers come down to acceptable limits.**
2. **Consider dismantling the SIPS2 in order to get a more thorough cleaning under panels and in small areas that cannot currently be reached.**

Thank you, and be safe.

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