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Board Memo 075-2024: Latest Update Mercury Spill at Titusville, FL Post Office

Executive Board,

Below is the latest update regarding the mercury spill at the Titusville, FL Post Office

Situation:

Assessment and remediation efforts continue.

Summary (detailed findings and plan of action from USPS Industrial Hygienist included below):

- **Titusville PO** – Office remains closed. Contractor identified the source package. Additional areas with mercury were identified for future remediation. Contractor continues screening, evaluation, and remediation efforts of both the facility and mail.
- **Christmas MPO** – Office remains closed. Contractor continues to collect and containerize elemental mercury found, screen areas, and identify those needing remediation. All mail has been either released to the postmaster or is in decontamination.
- **Mid-Florida P&DC** - Plant remains open. No elevated readings observed in prelim assessment of Bay 32 or its staging area, nor the Workroom's hazardous mail staging area. Trailer assessment and cleanup is on hold until response personnel are reallocated.

The information below is current as of 8:45 PM (Eastern EDT).

May 31, 2024 – Occupational Safety & Health Evening Update

Titusville HUB – 2503 South Washington Ave in Titusville, FL 32780

ACTIVITIES COMPLETED:

- Response team identified the source package. Source found to be a glass container (similar to a spice bottle) with elemental mercury inside.
- Additional package by the same sender and receiver was opened and no mercury was found within the package.
- Mail and parcels bagged and sent to decontamination tent for assessment.
 - Additional mail remains in various locations throughout the facility. Awaiting removal from facility for screening
- Response team continues to assess areas inside the facility, looking for residual elemental mercury.
- Additional areas with mercury were identified for future remediation.
- Conex container for hazardous waste storage was delivered and staged onsite (rear parking lot).

Air Quality:

- Levels are elevated throughout, but safe to occupy the facility without a respirator in most areas.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES:

- Response team will continued:
 - Collecting and containerizing elemental mercury
 - Identifying areas for future remediation
 - The entire facility is still considered a hot zone as no spaces have been cleared.
 - Evaluating mail
 - Evaluating mail transport equipment (MTE)
- Response team will create modified assessment plans based on direction by EPA OSC Russel.

Additional Notes:

- None

Mid Florida P&DC – 800 Rinehart Rd in Lake Mary, FL 32746**ACTIVITIES COMPLETED:**

- A preliminary assessment of Bay 32 (servicing Pomona Park), Bay 32 staging, and the hazardous mail staging area on the Workroom floor was completed; no elevated readings were observed.

Additional Notes:

- The preliminary assessment was not completed as required by OSC Russel, and the EPA hired Start contractors will be on site to provide their own reporting to the EPA while the response teams reports to the USPS. WSP will reach out to the Plant Manager to discuss timeline and impact.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES:

- Trailer assessment and cleanup is on hold until response personnel can be pulled from other locations.
- Contractor will return to the site to ensure the state of the trailer remains unchanged.

Air Quality:

- IAQ is poor inside the trailer, which is locked with a response team padlock.

Additional Notes:

- None

Christmas MPO - 23580 E Colonial Dr in Christmas, FL 32709**ACTIVITIES COMPLETED:**

- Response team:
 - Bagged mail and brought it to the Titusville HUB for assessment and decontamination.
 - All mail has left the facility and has been either released to the postmaster or is in decontamination.
 - Collected additional elemental mercury on the floor of the facility.
 - MTE and other items on the floor were removed and staged for future assessment.

Air Quality:

- Levels are elevated throughout, but levels continue to fall.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES:

- Response team will:
 - Utilize a mercury vacuum on the floor looking for Hg beads.
 - Assess/decontaminate mail sent to the Titusville HUB.

- Continue to screen areas looking for residual mercury
- Identify areas for future remediation.
- Assess MTE and other items from the Workroom.

Additional Notes:

- None

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PLANNED ACTIVITIES

A Certificate of Clearance is being reviewed by CTEH toxicologist and WSP CIH and will be shared when completed

Please share this information with your membership.

Thank you, and be safe.

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