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Board Memo 076-2024: Mercury Spill at Titusville, FL Post Office Update

Executive Board,

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

Situation: Assessment and remediation efforts continue. Summary (details from USPS Industrial Hygienist included below):

- **Titusville** remains closed. Mail transport equipment decontamination was effected today, with cleared equipment to be moved to clean storage tonight. Decontamination of a subset of mail from the workroom epicenter was initiated, with mail decontamination planned to go throughout the night so that all mail is removed from the building by tomorrow's shift change.
- **Mid-Florida P&DC** remains open. Further vacuuming of the impacted trailer was warranted for response team safety, so dismantling did not start today. As response workers are experiencing duress because of the heat, discussions continue as to whether this work should be handled overnight.

The information below is current as of 7:30 PM (Eastern EDT).

June 6, 2024 – Occupational Safety & Health Evening Update

Titusville PO Mercury Spill - Evening Update (6/6/24)

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

ACTIVITIES COMPLETED: 6/6/2024

- Decontamination efforts continued through the day with 14 carts and 20 pallets being decontaminated and placed on the exterior dock.
- Approximately 80 - 100 hot packages were removed from the hot zone inside the facility and placed in the processing tent for heating.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES for Night Shift: 6/6/2024

- Mail decontamination activities will continue throughout the night.
 - Night crew will continue moving cleared carts from the exterior dock to clean MTE storage.
- The night shift's goal is to have all the mail out of the building, so that teams can begin vacuuming mercury throughout the Workroom by day shift.

Air Quality:

- Mercury vapor levels continue to improve in the breathing zone.
 - Air quality is expected to greatly improve once all mail is out, and the epicenter is vacuumed.

Additional Notes:

- A temporary work stop was called due to lighting in the area.

Mid Florida P&DC – 800 Rinehart Rd in Lake Mary, FL 32746

ACTIVITIES COMPLETED: 6/6/2024

- A roll off dumpster was delivered to hold contaminated materials from cleanup.
- Response team vacuumed $\frac{3}{4}$ of the trailer floor to improve the air quality inside the trailer AND reduce the chance of cross contamination.
 - Workers donned Level C PPE for cleaning activities.
- Shifts are 30 minutes when working inside the trailer.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES: 6/6/2024

- The response team will:
 - Finish vacuuming the trailer floor
 - Begin removing the wood ceiling, walls, and floors.
- On site safety officer will continue to monitor heart rate, blood pressure, and general well-being as workers enter and exit the hot zone.
 - Anyone found to have elevated blood pressure or heart rate will not be allowed inside the trailer.
- Overnight crew will arrive onsite at 7pm for fire watch

Air Quality:

- IAQ is poor inside the trailer when roller door is closed.
 - Ventilation with the mobile AC unit increases air quality in hot zone.

Additional Notes:

- A temporary stop work was called due to lighting in the area.
- Response workers are having issues with high blood pressure, heart rate, and cramping as they are exiting the trailer.
 - Discussion is ongoing regarding whether the response team should switch to nightshift for decontamination work however, nighttime is when the P&DC is most active.
 - More information to come on this as it becomes available.

Please share this information with your membership.

Thank you, and be safe.

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