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Board Memo 082-2023: Mercury Spill in Clearfield Utah Post Office

Executive Board,

NAPS has been informed of a new Mercury Spill impacting the Clearfield Utah Post Office. See below.

USPS Headquarters Industrial Hygienist is engaged with onsite leadership and the Emergency Preparedness Response and Recovery (EPRRS) contractors.

To this point, the source mail piece has not been identified.

7/12/23 – 7/13/23 (Overnight Activities):

- EPRRS Contractor is coordinating with local USPS POCs at Clearfield PO and SLC ASF to obtain a timeline of mercury identification and potential path of transit.
- HCR Contractor truck was isolated at ASF where mercury was last presumed to be located.
- EPRRS Contractor mobilized sub-contractor to the ASF overnight, arrived ~4:15 AM local (mountain) time.
- 4:30 AM to 6:30 AM MST – sub contractor screened gaylord boxes of mail from the truck. Screened mail that was cleared was offloaded into a clean trailer.
- 6:30 AM MST to 9:30 AM MST – sub-contractor continues screening gaylord boxes, 6 to 7 gaylords left to screen plus the cab of the truck where the driver's bagged personal items/clothing and shoes are located (driver handled mail in the truck).
- EPRRS Contractor will provide additional support throughout the day - estimated to arrive on site before 1 pm MST, with an additional contractor rep arriving this evening, if needed.

7/13/23 (Morning Activities)

- No mercury vapor has been detected in the HCR truck at this time – full clearance of vehicle expected within the hour, if no mercury identified.
- The truck has been sitting out in 75+ degree heat; possibly allowing any mercury to off-gassed.
- USPS IH will confirm with site POCs the package route – in order to identify any additional or potential pathways.

Planned activities for 7/13/23

- Continue heating and screening mail in the truck and the cab of the truck – clear vehicle, if appropriate.
- CTEH (EPRRS subcontractor) will advise next location to screen depending if mercury vapor is identified in the truck or not – ASF, MPO, or employee residence.

- USPS/USPIS assistance needed to help coordinate screening of employee residence.

Thank you, and be safe.

NAPS Headquarters