

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF POSTAL SUPERVISORS

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## Board Memo 085-2023: Updates on Mercury Spill in Clearfield Utah Post Office

## **Executive Board,**

NAPS has received further updates on the mercury spill impacting the Clearfield Utah Post Office. See below.

Updated: 7/17/2023

- Contractor began set up of analyzing equipment during the evening of 7/16 but had to delay when the postmaster's office began having high readings of mercury.
- Sampling was halted while the office was cleaned.
- Sampling analysis began at approximately 4am EST. The collection period will take approximately 8 hours.
- Once all samples are ready, they are being flown to a laboratory in California.
- The lab has indicated that results will be available within 6 hours of receipt.
- Clearance may be possible by late this evening for a potential reopening of the facility on Tuesday 7/18 (assuming results are favorably assessed by USPS IH)

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- Cleaning has continued throughout the day with analyzer testing as the contractor progressed.
- Anticipate beginning analytical (lab) sampling this evening.
- Lab in California has committed to a quick turnaround for results.
- Results expected mid-day Monday, July 17.
- Lab results will be reviewed and evaluated by USPS Industrial Hygienist. If test results are not
  favorable, the contractor will be onsite to continue cleanup efforts. If cleared by USPS IH, the
  facility may be able to open on Tuesday, July 18.
- A supervisor who worked on the day that the mercury was identified requested to have her clothing and car tested. The car came back clean but her clothing tested positive for mercury. The USPS is working with the contractor to go to her home for possible testing.
- Cleaned and cleared mail has been stored in totes for better organization per the direction of the postmaster.

Thank you, and be safe.

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