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Board Memo 085-2024: Mercury Spill at the Town & Country, Missouri Branch Update

Executive Board,

Below is an update from Michael Swigart, the Executive Director of Continuity and Preparedness, regarding the mercury spill that occurred today, June 12th at the Town and Country, MO branch.

6-17-24 AM HQ Summary Sitrep – Town & Country MO mercury spill

Situation Summary (details from USPS Industrial Hygienist included below):

- **Hazelwood (St. Louis) NDC** remains open. The clearance samples were collected and flown to the lab yesterday evening. Results are expected late this afternoon. USPS Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) will review results once received and provide a clearance letter if results are favorable.
- **Town & Country MO Post Office** remains closed. The Contractor continued vacuuming visual mercury and cleaning/disposal of impacted non-mail items.

The Contractor began washing and decontaminating mobile equipment and continued to decontaminate mail. A significant amount of mail has been cleared and can be released back to the Postal Service. The Contractor will coordinate with local management to release mail.

The information below is current as of 1030 (eastern).

June 17, 2024 – Occupational Safety & Health Morning Update

Hazelwood (STL) NDC

Completed activities:

Completed activities:

- No overnight operations were completed at NDC.
- Clearance samples were collected yesterday morning and flown to the lab yesterday evening.
 - Results expected later this afternoon.

Planned activities:

- Mobilize to rescreen remaining items in the decontamination tent and pick up equipment.
- When clearance results are received, USPS CIH will review.

- A clearance letter will be issued, if results are satisfactory.

Notes:

- The Facility is open and operational
- Impacted area is cordoned off.
 - Impacted machine cannot run, as they do not have the parts to install a new conveyor belt (which was disposed of).
 - No significant impacts to operations expected.

Air Quality:

- Air quality is below USPS/ATSDR requirements.

Town & Country PO

Completed activities:

- Contractor began washing and decontaminating mobile equipment.
 - All cleared equipment will be removed from the facility and placed in clean area.
- Contractor continued to decontaminate packages.
 - A significant amount of mail has been cleared and can be released back to the Postal Service.
 - Contractor will coordinate with local management to release mail.
- Contractor continued bagging items in impacted zone for decontamination.
 - Multiple areas have been evaluated, and 5 cubicles have been cleared out.
- Contractor continued to vacuum visual mercury and clean/dispose of impacted non-mail items.
- Purchased additional decontamination tents for assembly line.

Planned activities:

- Begin moving cleared mail offsite.
 - Cleared mail can be released to Postal Service and entered back into the mailstream.
 - Local management is currently onsite to discuss coordination.
- Continue screening and decontamination activities.
- Complete initial decontamination of carts and move to the back lot of the facility.
- Cleaning and remediation activities will continue inside the facility.
- 24-hr operations will continue.

Air Quality:

- Air quality is stable within the facility – upgraded PPE required during cleaning activities

Please share this information with your membership.

Thank you, and be safe.

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