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Board Memo 091-2024: Update on Mercury Spill at the Town & Country, Missouri Branch

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.

6-20-24 PM HQ Summary Sitrep – Town & Country MO mercury spill

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

- **Town & Country MO Post Office** remains closed. Final clearance air sampling of entire floor is expected to be complete at 1800 CST. Samples will be sent via overnight delivery for analysis. Results are expected midday tomorrow.

Approximately 3,000+ cleared packages currently staged in BMCs/cage carts waiting for pickup.

Contractor will continue with screening packages that have not cleared (approximately 100 bags of mail). Contractor will perform documentation of packages to be disposed to include: multiple pictures; log of the addressee; and the final reading associated with it.

The information below is current as of 1930 (eastern).

June 20, 2024 – Occupational Safety & Health Evening Update

Town & Country PO

Completed activities:

- Truck pickup did not occur today.
 - Approximately 3,000+ cleared packages currently staged in BMCs/cage carts waiting for pickup.
- A total of 5 packages that were cleared but were leaking or had noticeable odor were staged in separate sealed bins for pickup.
- Cleared electronics were bagged and staged in clean zone indoors.
 - Personal items that were cleared are bagged and staged in clean zone outside.
- Final clearance air sampling of entire floor continues, expected to complete at 1800 CST.
 - Samples will be sent via overnight delivery for analysis. Results expected midday tomorrow.
- Current waste at T&C consists of:
 - 3 roll offs. 2 are already full, the third is almost full

- 2 drums of washing waste generated yesterday
- 2 drums of waste with mercury vacuum materials and the mercury package
- Contractor continued to heat and ventilate remaining packages in order to decontaminate
- Contractor has reduced staff to meet the current needs of the project.

Planned activities:

- Clearance Samples will be sent to lab for analysis.
- Contractor will disassemble and demobilize all unused decontamination tents.
- Contractor will perform documentation of packages to be disposed.
 - Crews will take multiple pictures, log the addressee, and the final reading associated with it.
- Staff reduction still planned as necessary.
- Contractor will continue with screening packages that have not cleared;
 - Packages that haven't cleared:
 - There are about 100 bags of mail remaining. Contractor has been wiping down packages with merc soap. Packages will be allowed to dry then rebagged.
 - One more attempt will be made to decontaminate.
 - Packages with porous/cardboard exterior containers will be disposed of.
 - There remain many packages that have undergone 5-6 cycles. Those packages will be disposed of.
- USPS CIH will provide clearance once samples are analyzed, and if they come back satisfactory.

Air Quality:

- Air quality is good. Below USPS/ATSDR guidelines.

Please share this information with your membership.

Thank you, and be safe.

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