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Board Memo 143-2023: Mercury Spill at the St. Louis NDC Update

Executive Board,

Below is an update from the Michael Swigart, the Executive Director of Continuity and Preparedness, regarding the mercury spill that occurred October 26th at the St. Louis NDC location.

Situation: Assessment and remediation continues in the St. Louis NDC.

The activities and progress described below are current as of 2030 (eastern).

November 3, 2023 – Occupational Safety & Health Evening Update

St. Louis NDC – 5800 Phantom Drive, Hazelwood, MO

ACTIVITIES COMPLETED (11/3/23) Dayshift:

- An additional MTE of medicine was found, however it does not appear to contain medicine from the VA
 - Some medicine was found in the contaminated mail, currently in decon; additional VA medicine will be released as soon as possible, if found.
- Mail decon cycles continued throughout the day.
 - Contractor will work with on-site USPS to release the mail.
- Contractor was contacted by Missouri JULIE (811) and is working with local utilities to confirm proposed location for the tent install.
 - The building permit application process has started.
- Sunbelt (tent provider) delivered equipment to aid in the installation of the tent.
- Screening and cleaning continued in the Express Mail and PSM 3 & 4 areas.
- Vending machines came back with elevated readings; on-site crew will attempt to decontaminate.
- Asbestos sample results for the floor tile came back from the lab; results were negative for both the floor tile and mastic.
 - Contractor will remove floor tile to expedite cleaning.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES (11/3/ - 11/4/23) Night shift :

- Contractor will continue to identify areas for cleaning.
- Contractor will continue to clean areas identified requiring additional efforts.
 - Areas in PSM 3 and 4 continue to be the focus of interior efforts.
- Mail decon cycles will continue throughout the night shift.
 - Contractor will work with USPS to release cleared mail as assessed and processed.
- A decon area will be setup under and around the mercury-impacted conveyor (less than 20' long) in the Express Mail area.
 - USPS Maintenance informed the contractor that it can be removed from the building if needed; however, on-site crew will attempt to decon it in place as disassembly for containerization would likely result in some contamination of additional areas.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

Contractor will continue to work with the City of Hazelwood to locate utilities and obtain proper permits for the tent.

Air Quality:

Air quality continues to be at appropriate levels for remediation activities.

Please share this information with your membership.

Thank you, and be safe.

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