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Board Memo 144-2023: Final Update on Mercury Spill at the St. Louis NDC

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 8-hour clearance sampling process is planned to begin after midnight pending no additional hotspots are identified during the final walk through.

The activities and progress described below are current as of 2000 (eastern).

November 5, 2023 – Occupational Safety & Health Evening Update

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

ACTIVITIES COMPLETED: 11/5/2023 (Day Shift)

- Floor cracks in the Express Mail area were re-screened after an additional coat of sealer.
 - Screening of the cracks have been determined to be at under limit.
- The PSM 3 and 4 workstation floor was also sealed with an additional coat of epoxy coating.
 - This floor area was also determined to be under limit.
- Mail decon cycles continued throughout the day.
 - Currently, 31 bags of mail have remained over limit after 6 cycles of heating and venting.
- Sunbelt Rentals arrived this morning to continue with tent construction.
- A portion of PSM 3 equipment had an elevated reading that was discovered after a conveyor belt was removed.
 - This portion of the equipment was cleaned.
 - After cleaning the levels were found to be under the limit.
- On-site crew, with the assistance of USPS maintenance ran all the equipment continuously while also sampling the indoor air quality to ensure readiness to perform 8-hr clearance sampling.
 - No elevated readings were documented.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES – 11/5/2023 (Night Shift)

- By 7am tomorrow morning, all mail that was in the building will have had 6 cycles of decontamination – Contractor will work with USPS CIH to determine path forward.
 - The contractor will separate the 30+ bags into smaller portions and release cleared mail as it becomes available.
 - Contractor will attempt to decontaminate the significant amount of USPS items found in PSM 3 and 4 area – this will be performed at the discretion of the USPS CIH.

- Clearance sampling is expected to begin after midnight if no additional hot spots are identified during the final walkthrough.

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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