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Building Preparation –

Trenton, NJ Processing and Distribution Center

This is one in a series of Fact Sheets providing information on the anthrax decontamination activities at the Trenton Processing and Distribution Center.

How is the building being prepared for decontamination?

Work has been ongoing to prepare the Trenton facility for its decontamination by chlorine dioxide fumigation. Mail has been removed and treated; rolling stock has been decontaminated and removed; mail processing equipment, floors and overhead structures have been cleaned with a chlorine bleach solution to reduce the amount of anthrax; and trash has been decontaminated and disposed of. Systems are in the process of being assembled that will monitor internal temperature, humidity and gas concentration levels for the optimal levels needed in order for the chlorine dioxide to kill the anthrax-causing bacteria. Additional systems are being constructed that will mix, distribute and remove the chlorine dioxide safely during the fumigation process.

What is being done to prepare the cafeteria and vending areas?

All food and drink items, including those in vending machines, have been disposed of; additionally, all vending machines, refrigerators and freezers have been cleaned with a chlorine bleach solution. In order to thoroughly decontaminate any closed areas, all cabinets and drawers will be opened to permit penetration of the chlorine dioxide during the fumigation process.

What is being done to prepare the mail processing and office areas?

Office area contents have been removed for treatment. Additionally, all doors, desk drawers, filling cabinets and storage containers, will be opened to permit penetration of the chlorine dioxide during the fumigation process.

How is the building being sealed to prevent escape of chlorine dioxide?

All cracks, seams, floor drains, exterior windows, doors and roof penetrations have been sealed with foam sealant or caulking; additionally, all truck docks have been covered with poly sheeting.