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Preliminary report indicates additional cultures taken at USPS V Street facility are negative

USPS conducted precautionary testing for anthrax at its Washington, DC, V Street government mails unit Jan. 15. All 86 PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) samples tested negative.

Additional culture growth tests were conducted on those samples. A preliminary report received Friday Jan. 17 indicates that they, too, were negative.

Testing began after the Federal Reserve said Jan. 14 that its routine tests on incoming mail had produced one preliminary positive result for anthrax. Further testing showed the sample to be negative.

While there was no indication of any anthrax contamination, USPS temporarily closed the V Street unit and conducted tests as a precaution to assure the well-being of employees and customers.