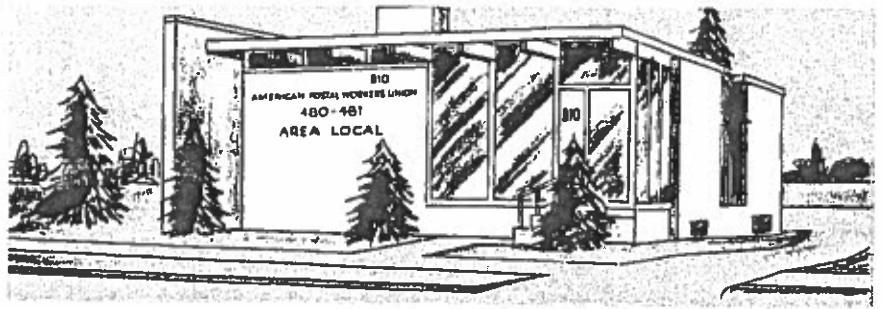




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Dear Brian,

On behalf of the 480 481 Area Local and in accordance with Article 17 and 31 of the 2010-2015 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the USPS and APWU we request to review the following information.

- **With respect to the testing of the air, soil and water in the MI Metroplex and surround grounds:**
 1. Where specifically are the sensors to detect the buildup of methane located both inside and around the exterior of the Metroplex facility?
 2. Are any of these sensors deployed outside of the pipes that vent the methane? (as in on the work room floor, in the administrative spaces?)
 3. Do any of the external methane vents (located in the parking areas for example) have sensors in them to detect and or measure the levels of gas being vented?
 4. Does the methane detection system within the Metroplex measure and or detect anything other than methane?
 5. Has there been testing of the ground and or air for methane or other contaminants such as PCB's, sulfur dioxides, nitric oxides etc. both inside of as well as outside of the Metroplex facility in the last 8 years?
 6. Are you aware of any testing that was done prior to construction and what those results might be?
 7. Has the water in the Metroplex as well as the water that collects in the reservoirs been tested for lead, PCB's or other contaminants?

- **With respect to an event that might trigger an alert in the Methane Detection System:**
 1. What are the emergency action plans should the methane detection system indicate there is an unsafe buildup of methane in any one of the vents or spaces located throughout the Metroplex?
 2. Does the facility have the ability to be quickly vented in the event there is an unsafe buildup of methane or another hazardous gas or substance anywhere at any time in the Metroplex?
 3. Is this facility the Metroplex venting in a passive manner?
 4. The methane detection system has three warning indicators: Red, Yellow and Blue – what are the specific procedures to be followed in the event any one of those warning lights indicates there is either a malfunction or the presence of elevated levels of methane gas in the pipes?
 5. Is there a specific threat indication that would require evacuation of the immediate area?
 6. Is there a specific threat indication that would require evacuation of the facility?

- **General questions about the gas detection system(s) located in and around the Metroplex facility:**
 1. Is the original methane detection system installed when the Metroplex opened still in use today?
 2. Are their plans to modify and or replace the existing methane detection system?
 3. Is the methane detection system at the MI Metroplex considered a passive or active gas collection/monitoring system?
 4. Please provide for our review the MDS log book for the last 4 years.
 5. Please provide for our review the preventative maintenance manuals for the current methane detection system in place at the Pontiac MI Metroplex.
 6. Please provide for our review the maintenance schedules and or logs for the methane detection system currently in use at the MI Metroplex.
 7. Please provide for our review Management Alert Report HR-MT-17-DRAFT as well the final report on this issue.
 8. Is Methane listed in the MSDS booklet?

9. With respect to certain projects regarding the methane detection system can the union please be provided for our review Project Numbers: 16RG002HR000 and 16RG002HR001?
 10. Please provide for our review with respect to the OIG report released on February 22nd, 2016 when it states on page 2 that the vendor recommended that the USPS modify the "system" to include a ventilation of the pipes that release methane gas into the atmosphere. Has this modification been completed? If not why not?
- **We have some general questions regarding the work environment at the MI Metroplex:**
 1. How many job related injuries at the Metroplex were reported from October 2014 through February 2016?
 2. How many lost work hours have there been due to job related injuries from October 2014 through February 2016?
 3. What was the overtime percentage at the MI Metroplex from October 2014 through February 2016?
 4. What is the non-family medical sick leave percentage from October 2014 through February 2016?
 5. What is the unscheduled leave usage percentage (including FML) from October 2014 through February 2016?
 6. What is the current number of pending EEO's at the MI Metroplex?
 7. What is the current number of active FML cases at the MI Metroplex?
 8. Minutes from the Metroplex safety committee meeting for FY 2014, 2015 and 2016.
 - **In the interim as this issue is addressed by the USPS we are requesting the following measures be put into place:**
 1. The USPS staff the Metroplex with a qualified and properly certified registered nurse on site on all three shifts.
 2. The USPS conduct weekly or at least bi-weekly tests for methane as well as other hazardous gasses at the Metroplex and the results of those tests be provided to the unions and posted on an employee bulletin board for all employees to review.
 3. The USPS conduct quarterly emergency evacuation drills until we are all certain the methane detection system is functioning properly.
 4. The USPS post for all employees to view the MSDS information for methane.

5. The USPS issue an instruction that all four MDO's will cease with the practice of using one person on a DBCS in excess of the agreed upon language in the 2012 JCIM Article 37.

While we understand this is a rather involved request for information we hope you understand and do your best to respond given the seriousness of the issues we are reviewing and confronting.

We appreciate the information voluntarily provided by local management to date. We look forward to working closely with you to answer the questions of the bargaining unit.

Our goal is to ensure any employee who works in this facility can do so and not worry that there is anything in the air, the water or in the environment that will cause them harm.

We hope in the end all employees can believe the USPS and the APWU are working together to provide a safe clean workplace in accordance with all the applicable rules and regulations.

If you have any questions and or concerns about this request or the recommendations please give me a call.

Respectfully,



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