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## **APBS 1 EXPECTED TO LEAVE PHILLY NDC. WHAT NEXT?**

Yesterday, APWU and MHU official were notified that the APBS 1 machine was leaving the NDC by July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018. At that time, no information was available regarding the effects on people holding bids in that area, nor a specific timeline on the machine's use, nor any specifics on what we would be doing with the mail that was previously processed on APBS 1. A follow-up meeting was held today that was attended by myself, CCD Bill Schweiker, Local 308 Branch President Joe Zelenenki, 308 Vice-President Chris Lee, Labor Rep John Hunt, and Operations Support Specialist Kevin Reilly. From this meeting it appears that nothing is official or set in stone, but that the movement of the APBS to Delaware is very likely.

The plan is to stop using the machine as of the end of Tour 3 on Monday and then evaluate how our mail volume is handled without using APBS 1. Bundles will be moved to the APPS and priority will be worked on the APPS, PSM-3 & 4, and APBS 2. Discussions have also taken place on the creation of new bids for areas of need if/when the APBS leaves. Another meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> in order to try to get a better explanation of the impact to the NDC going forward. We are hoping that the plant manager and other higher level managers might have a better handle on what the plan actually will be. It's unfortunate that the notice is coming at such a late date. We continue to ask why this happened to find the source of the problem. We will, of course, ensure that the contract is followed and enforce our rights throughout whatever changes the USPS bosses plan for us. If you have any questions, ask to speak to a steward. Updates will be provided regularly until we have all of the answers.

In Solidarity,

*Chuck Camp* President