

## **First Shipments Of Mercury Transferred From Hillsborough To Nevada**

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Congressman Leonard Lance joined Hillsborough Mayor Frank DelCore, Deputy Mayor Gloria McCauley and Assemblyman Peter Biondi today in announcing that the first thirty two truck loads of mercury have been successfully transported from the defense facility in Hillsborough to the Hawthorne Army Depot in Nevada.

Congressman Lance said, "The good news today is that 32 truckloads of mercury representing nearly one-fifth of the entire stockpile has left the state of New Jersey and is safely at the Hawthorne Depot in Nevada where it belongs. While there is much more work to be done we stand here today confident that the process of shipping the mercury to the Nevada Depot safely and securely is well underway."

Mayor DelCore stated, at the press event in front of the gates of the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Depot off of Route 206, "What we are announcing today is not a recommendation, nor a report, it is a reality. A long awaited and much anticipated reality for Hillsborough residents that the mercury has begun to be moved."

Thirty two truckloads of mercury were transferred as a trial shipment from the federal facility on Route 206 in Hillsborough to Nevada, over a 2 week period in late August.

The Mayor added, "Congressman Leonard Lance deserves great credit for achieving something many thought would never happen. I know that Congressman Lance has been a personal force in the effort to get this done from the day he took office in Washington last year and we thank him."

Deputy Mayor Gloria McCauley said, "We on the Township Committee, through Mayor DelCore, wanted to make sure that everyone at the federal level knew how important the movement of the mercury is to our community.

The Mayor was in constant communication with the DLA, and was also regularly in contact with Congressman Lance and his staff on the issue and we appreciate the Congressman's work on this. The people of Hillsborough also owe special thanks to Frank DelCore for his extraordinary effort."

According to the DLA, the trial shipment will be used to validate the operating procedures at the Army Depot by the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The remaining material will begin being transferred from Hillsborough following the successful conclusion of the Nevada DEP's validation process.

DelCore said, "We look forward to the completion of that process and the continued movement of the mercury from this facility in Hillsborough."

The shipments, which are conducted by HAZMAT certified haulers, resulted from a 2006 federal record of decision to move the mercury to Nevada and began after intensive preparatory environmental security work required by the Nevada DEP. For security purposes, shipping dates and routes are not publicly released.

*Pictured above (l-r): Deputy Mayor Gloria McCauley, Assemblyman Peter Biondi, Mayor Frank DelCore and Congressman Leonard Lance.*

