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### MAIL STERILIZATION ENTERS SECOND PHASE OF OPERATIONS

(LIMA, OH) – The sterilization process for U. S. mail at the Titan Scan Technologies facility here has entered into a new phase officials announce today. The process of irradiating possible tainted mail from the Brentwood Post Office in Washington, D. C. has been completed. The last truckload of Brentwood mail left Lima for the Washington, DC area on Monday.

Now regular mail headed to high profile locations, such as, Congress and The White House will pass through the Lima facility for a *preventative* sterilization procedure. Officials say this new phase is completely safe and that none of the mail to be processed here now is suspected of being contaminated.

County EMA director, Russ Decker, says with this new phase of operation in effect, members of the county's Bio-Chem team will no longer be at the 4<sup>th</sup> Street facility on a regular basis but rather "we'll be available if a problem arises and our help is requested" Decker said. Likewise, state troopers will no longer escort incoming truckloads of mail.

Postal Service officials acknowledge the entering of the new phase of work to be performed here stating "We are fully committed to detecting and removing biohazards from the mail. The safety of our employees and the public is paramount and we will do whatever it takes to ensure the safety of the mail."