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In [our last email](#) to Federal Center tenants and stakeholders we announced GSA had contracted with the environmental company Terracon Consultants, Inc., to conduct additional wipe sampling in the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems and create a campus-wide plan to address the existence of heavy metals. We also discussed our ongoing efforts to sample indoor air quality to ensure tenant spaces are not contaminated with known heavy metals.

While the final remedial action plan is not expected to be available until early 2017, GSA has received preliminary sampling data for the [HVAC systems](#) confirming heavy metals are present. The [indoor air quality results](#) indicate those metals are not migrating into the air in tenant spaces.

To help ensure contaminants detected in the HVAC systems remain undisturbed until we can remediate them, GSA is:

- Revisiting and, if necessary, increasing controls on maintenance work related to air handling units and duct systems; and,
- Continuing to check for cross-contamination by taking air samples inside tenant spaces. *(All historical indoor air quality test results for lead and asbestos were "non-detect.")*

GSA expects to receive the final indoor air quality report in January. Domestic water sampling results will be included in that document. If you have any questions, please email r6environmental@gsa.gov and GSA will provide responses from the appropriate experts. You can also refer to the [online reading room](#) for previous informational messages.

Thank you

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