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TO: William McDonald
Director, St. Louis Area Office
Occupational Safety and Health Administration

SUBJECT: Progress Report – OSHA Inspection Number 1120691

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1) This report is in response to the OSHA requirement to provide periodic progress reports per the approval letter sent by your office on July 26, 2016 for the GSA Petition for Modification of Abatement for Citation 1, Item Numbers 1a, 1b, 2, and 4. This report covers the progress made at the Goodfellow Federal Center over the past six months.

2) The project to correct the elevator equipment guarding deficiencies listed in item numbers 1a, 1b, and 2 has been completed. The Certificate of Abatement worksheet was sent to your office on September 19, 2017.

3) The project to correct the contamination issue listed in Citation 1, Item 4 continues. Over the past 6 months, GSA has continued to address the contamination on multiple fronts. Since our last report, our contracted industrial hygiene service provider, OCCUTECH, has been on site three days a week. They continue to provide no-notice quality control checks to ensure contractors are following their site specific safety plans; on-site assistance with planning and support to GSA and other federal center tenant agencies; and conduct air, water, and wipe sampling as required.

Since our last report, 142 water samples were collected to determine lead and copper levels in the domestic drinking water supply. Ten of those samples, about 7 percent of the total taken, returned readings above EPA-established acceptable levels for lead and copper. (Tenants affected by these findings were notified immediately, and the water fixtures with elevated readings were temporarily shut down.) Per the EPA, the most common source of lead and copper in drinking water is corrosion of plumbing materials; and, action must be taken when 10 percent or more of samples show elevated levels. While GSA's findings were less than the required action level, all 10 fixtures were replaced with new, filtered fixtures. The filters, like others at the center, will be replaced regularly as part of GSA's operations and maintenance program. We also contracted for 251 air quality samples this past summer and all the results were below the laboratory's reporting limit. Copies of these reports can be found in the federal center reading room on our website highlighted in item number four below.



4) We have continued to maintain open communications with all our tenants. We continue to post pertinent information and all testing/sampling results to our public information site at <https://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/212361> . In November we posted another update for federal complex personnel. The Goodfellow project team is now working on a Goodfellow Federal Center Community Involvement Plan. That plan is expected to be ready in the next six months and will include details surrounding all efforts being used to keep the community informed of environmental activities taking place at the center.

5) Finally, the cleaning project in Building 104 VA Records Center has been halted. The VA has made the decision to shut down their operations at Goodfellow and move them elsewhere. In the meantime, decisions on the direction of the cleanup process has been placed on temporary hold pending discussions with the Office of Management and Budget to determine the viability of the Federal Center and determining whether it will remain open.

If you have any questions or need further information, please let me know. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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