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The GSA Region 6 environmental team continues to address environmental remediation activities at the Goodfellow Federal Center. Here's a list of actions GSA has completed over the summer and early autumn:

- **Water Quality:** 142 water samples were collected to determine lead and copper levels in the domestic drinking water supply. Ten (10) 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.
- **Air Quality:** There were 251 air quality samples collected this summer and all [results](#) were below the laboratory's reporting limit.
- **Elevator Guarding:** GSA installed [new guarding and safety equipment](#) around the elevator mechanical areas. Adding the elevator guarding satisfied the only outstanding OSHA requirement due this year. Additional information can be found in GSA's [latest progress inspection report](#), sent to OSHA on July 12.
- **Electrical Vaults:** The "Phase I Electrical Vaults Design/Build Project" is progressing. Additional wipe sampling was performed in the vaults and sub-stations to gain [more data](#) regarding existing environmental conditions that could adversely impact construction activities and maintenance workers. It is important to note that these vaults are not open or accessible to the public.

As mentioned in [our last stakeholder memo](#), long-term environmental actions are being addressed through two regulated efforts: the Goodfellow Federal Center Remedial Action Plan (interior spaces) and a Remedial Investigation (outside/ground). The GSA team is also 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.

If you have any questions, please email r6environmental@gsa.gov. You can also refer to the [online reading room](#) for previous informational messages.

Thank you.

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