

**August 12, 2016**

Thank you to the hundreds of Federal Center workers who took time to attend the employee town hall meetings Aug. 1-3. Representatives from the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Veterans Health Administration, Veterans Benefits Administration, Social Security Administration, General Services Administration (GSA), and American Federation of Government Employees supported five sessions in various capacities--sharing what we've learned about current environmental cleanup activities, action plans and health recommendations with the Federal Center community. NIOSH's "[10-day letter](#)" and "[interim letter](#)" summarizing their initial site visit and recommendations are available in the onsite and [online reading rooms](#). A final evaluation letter from NIOSH is expected within a few months.



### **Upcoming Campuswide Activities**

An environmental contractor will conduct another round of campuswide indoor air quality testing in the coming weeks and will continue to monitor air quality periodically over time. Indoor air quality tests have consistently shown non-detect for lead and asbestos across the campus.

The contractor will also perform domestic water sampling across the Federal Center. Drinking water at buildings 107 and 110 was recently tested. The results came back in alignment with drinking water standards and are posted in the onsite and [online reading rooms](#). Historical water tests by the city at the service entrance to the Federal Center have been in compliance. Potable water sampling will continue periodically over time, as well.

GSA is working on a remedial action plan to address environmentally impacted spaces in basements, basement tunnels, crawl spaces, mechanical and building support areas, and above ceiling tiles. In the meantime, the contaminants will be managed in place until projects can be executed. Access to these spaces is controlled, and anyone needing to enter must follow an approved job-specific safety plan. GSA's plans and projects will address all outstanding NIOSH recommendations and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) [citation requirements](#).

### **Building 104 Update**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Records Management Center resumed operations this week. This summer, medical, industrial hygiene and safety professionals from VA and NIOSH analyzed employee medical screens and industrial hygiene samples. The experts concluded the workplace is safe for employees with a few [recommendations](#), including an increased focus on handwashing and housekeeping. Additionally, VA has provided personal protective equipment for employees to use if they personally choose to do so.

GSA is working to contract for a thorough cleaning of horizontal surfaces in the file room this fall, to be followed by VA-funded enhanced housekeeping services. These steps are in alignment with OSHA requirements and NIOSH recommendations.

If you have any questions for GSA, please contact us by emailing [r6environmental@gsa.gov](mailto:r6environmental@gsa.gov). Inquiries received to this email will be coordinated with the proper subject matter expert for response. Refer to the [online reading room](#) for previous informational messages.

Thank you,

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