

**February 16, 2017**

The fall 2016 campuswide [lead and heavy metals sampling report](#) is now available in the [online reading room](#) and the on-site reading room in Building 107.

- As mentioned in our [last memo](#), initial indoor air quality results indicated metals discovered in the HVAC systems are not migrating into the air in tenant spaces. These final results confirm that data. We will continue to check for cross-contamination by taking air samples inside tenant spaces.
- Water sampling efforts did detect elevated lead at three fixtures across buildings 103D and 103E. Those fixtures were closed in October. We are working to determine the cause and to identify corrective actions.
- Wipe samples for surface dust were also collected during this study. Those samples resulted in levels below the detection limits or within acceptable regulatory limits.



Another round of air and water sampling is being planned for this spring. We will share those results when they become available.

### **OSHA Update**

To follow up from last summer's Occupational Safety and Health Administration citation report:

- July 25, 2018, remains the due date for corrective action to clear surfaces of lead accumulation.
- The three items related to elevator operations -- unguarded flywheels, unguarded vertical belts and uncovered electrical control cabinets -- are scheduled for completion in May. Project launch was slightly delayed because more time was needed to develop a detailed safety plan.

All GSA-OSHA correspondence will be posted in the [reading room](#) as it becomes available.

### **Building 104**

In late January, our contractor Professional Environmental Engineers, Inc., began an environmental cleaning project in the south end of the Veterans Benefits Administration Records Management Center in Building 104. They are removing lead and heavy metal dust from surfaces and paper files, and monitoring air quality daily. We expect the south end project to conclude by early summer, and other file areas will be cleaned during the following months. The north end office and support area was cleaned in July 2016.

Refer to the project [fact sheet](#) in the [reading room](#) for more information on current activities in Building 104.

### **Campuswide Remediation**

Last Friday, our project managers received the first draft of a campuswide remedial action plan from our environmental contractor, Terracon. We will spend the next few weeks working with our contractors to refine the plan -- which will ultimately address all contaminants at the Federal Center -- and post it when it is completed.

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

Thank you,

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