

To: ANC8A, SMD8A02, Commissioner Barbara Clark
From: The Department of General Services (DGS)
Date: June 26, 2023
Subject: Anacostia Recreation Center: Environmental Safety Testing Result Notification

Commissioner Clark:

The Department of General Services (DGS) takes our commitment to maintaining the health and safety of our residents seriously. One of our responsibilities is executing the Public Facilities Environmental Safety Amendment Act of 2020, which requires DGS to conduct proactive, routine testing of public buildings across 17 environmental parameters. We write to you today about test results and related remediation at a building in your Single Member District.

During routine testing at the Anacostia Recreation Center at 1800 Anacostia Dr. SE, we found two environmental risks, as defined by the legislation.

The first finding was an initial observation of elevated interior mold and mildew on a ceiling tile in the managers. After completing an assessment of the source of the humidity, the team completed the remediation work as of June 28. The second finding was of formaldehyde particulate matter and, following an additional assessment, the team completed the remediation work as of June 22.

What are the next steps? In accordance with the Public Facilities Environmental Safety Amendment Act of 2020, details and test results will be available on the DGS website. DGS will also hold a public meeting on July 12 at 6:30pm to share details. You can join the meeting by using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/DGSEnvironmentalTesting2>. Feel free to share this link with community members as needed.

We appreciate your time and understanding of the work that we are doing to maintain the health and safety of those who work, play, and connect at Anacostia Recreation Center. If you have questions, please contact Mike McLaughlin, DGS External Affairs at environmental.dgs@dc.gov.