

**To:** ANC5C, SMD5C02, Commissioner Lauren Rogers  
**From:** The Department of General Services (DGS)  
**Date:** June 13, 2023  
**Subject:** DC Public School Warehouse: Environmental Safety Testing Result Notification

Commissioner Rogers:

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 located at 2000 Adams Pl. NE.

During routine testing at the DCPS Warehouse, we found three environmental risks, as defined by the legislation. Please note, this space is used for storage only and is not populated by students, teachers, or other faculty.

The first finding was of deteriorating lead-based paint in several locations on the outside of the facility including door casings and window grates. The remediation project design is complete as of June 12 and we expect an update on the status of the work in the coming weeks. The second finding was of asbestos-containing material at three locations in the facility. Before remediation can begin, an additional assessment and project design is required. If you would like to track the progress of that work, the work order number is 745420.

The final finding is in the category of toxic chemicals and hazardous waste. In this case, the finding refers to the need for additional fire extinguishers and spill kits on site. Currently, there are no improperly stored chemicals or other hazards but due to the nature of the material stored, fire suppressant equipment is required. If you would like to track the progress of the equipment installation, the work order number is 745425.

**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://dcnet.webex.com/weblink/register/r19472289b77f78281e56acdb8d30d321>. Feel free to share the 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 at the DCPS Warehouse. If you have questions, please contact Mike McLaughlin, DGS External Affairs at [environmental.dgs@dc.gov](mailto:environmental.dgs@dc.gov).