

To: ANC5C, SMD5C04, Commissioner Jacqueline Manning
From: The Department of General Services (DGS)
Date: June 1, 2023
Subject: DPW Vehicle Maintenance Facility 2: Environmental Safety Testing Result Notification

Commissioner Manning:

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 two buildings in your Single Member District located at 1833 West Virginia Ave. NE.

During routine testing at DPW Vehicle Maintenance Facility 2, we found three environmental risks, as defined by the legislation. Please note, remediation of the issues described below is not expected to impact operations. We will notify you if that assumption changes.

The first finding was for elevated dust levels at several locations in the facility. We are determining the sources of the dust and will remediate as appropriate. If you would like to track the progress of that work, the work order number is 744916.

The final two findings require an additional assessment, followed by the development of a project design before remediation can occur. The first of these findings was deteriorated lead-based paint on the frame of the bay door of the facility. The other finding was of formaldehyde particulate matter in shop #9, likely related to the use of motor oil and solvents used for vehicle repair. If you would like to track the progress of these remediation projects, the work order numbers are 744926 and 744908, respectively.

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 June 7 at 6:30pm to share details. You can join the meeting by using this link:

<https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/j.php?MTID=m0d09fc53383c1344d8af1c7b4cf9b7f5>. 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 at the DPW Vehicle Maintenance Facility 2. If you have questions, please contact Mike McLaughlin, DGS External Affairs at environmental.dgs@dc.gov.