

**To:** ANC8A, SMD8A06, Commissioner Robin McKinney  
**From:** The Department of General Services (DGS)  
**Date:** June 26, 2023  
**Subject:** Fire Department Engine 15: Environmental Safety Testing Result Notification

Commissioner McKinney:

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 Fire Department Engine 15 at 2101 14<sup>th</sup> St. SE, we found elevated levels of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs). VOCs are gases emitted into the air during the use of paints, cleaners, and other evaporable or combustible materials. We identified the source of the VOCs in the Watch Office and 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 at Engine 15. If you have questions, please contact Mike McLaughlin, DGS External Affairs at [environmental.dgs@dc.gov](mailto:environmental.dgs@dc.gov).