

To: ANC6E, SMD6E08

From: The Department of General Services (DGS)

Date: June 26, 2023

Subject: Fire Department Engine 3: Environmental Safety Testing Result Notification

ANC6E Commissioners:

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 3 at 439 New Jersey Ave. NW, we found three environmental risks, as defined by the legislation.

The first finding was of rodent burrows along the outside of the building. DGS plans to treat and close the burrows and the associated work order number for that work is 746978.

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 (LBP) in two locations outside the building: the first floor D side door casing and an outdoor pole along the air conditioning compressors. The second finding was of asbestos-containing material (ACM) at two locations in the facility: the second floor laundry room and exterior door caulking. The remediation is estimated to be complete by July 14 for the ACM and July 12 for the LBP. If you would like to track the progress of that remediation, the work order numbers are 746976 and 746979, 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 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 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 Engine 3. If you have questions, please contact Mike McLaughlin, DGS External Affairs at environmental.dgs@dc.gov.