

**To:** ANC4E, SMD4E03, Commissioner Maria Barry  
**From:** The Department of General Services (DGS)  
**Date:** July 25, 2023  
**Subject:** Hamilton Recreation Center: Environmental Safety Testing Result Notification

Commissioner Barry:

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 1340 Hamilton St. NW.

During routine testing at the Hamilton Recreation Center, we found one environmental risk, as defined by the legislation.

The finding was of deteriorating lead-based paint on the exterior soffit/facia board. The initial assessment was complete as of July 24. Next, a project design must be developed and approved, followed by the remediation work being completed. We expect an update on the status of the work in the coming weeks.

**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 August 16 at 6:30pm to share details. You can join the meeting by using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/DGSEnvironmentalTesting3>. 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, play, and connect at the Hamilton Recreation Center. If you have questions, please contact Mike McLaughlin, DGS External Affairs at [environmental.dgs@dc.gov](mailto:environmental.dgs@dc.gov).