

To: ANC7F, SMD7F07, Commissioner Shirley Thompson-Wright

From: The Department of General Services (DGS)

Date: May 30, 2023

Subject: Metropolitan Police Department Storage Warehouse and DC General Hospital Building #7: Environmental Safety Testing Result Notification

Commissioner Thompson-Wright:

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 1900 Massachusetts Ave. SE.

MPD Storage Warehouse

During routine testing at the MPD Storage Warehouse, we found four environmental risks, as defined by the legislation. Please note, the administrative offices on the upper floors of the facility are not in use and remediation of the issues described below is not expected to impact operations at the warehouse. We will notify you if that assumption changes.

The first finding was for elevated dust levels in the loading bay. We are determining the source of the dust and will remediate as appropriate. If you would like to track the progress of that work, the work order number is 744458. The second finding was an initial observation of elevated interior mold and mildew, which requires an additional assessment to identify areas that require remediation. If you would like to track the progress of that work, the work order number is 744481.

The final two findings require an additional assessment, followed by the development of a project design before remediation can occur. The first of these two findings was of deteriorating lead-based paint in several locations at the facility. The other finding was of asbestos-containing material at two locations at the facility. If you would like to track the progress of that work, the work order numbers are 744466 and 744480, respectively.

DC General Hospital Building #7: Steam Plant

During routine testing at the DC General Hospital Steam Plant, we found three environmental risks, as defined by the legislation. Please note, remediation of the issues described below is not expected to impact operations at the steam plant. We will notify you if that assumption changes.

The first finding was for elevated dust levels on the interior upper level. We are determining the source of the dust and will remediate as appropriate. If you would like to track the progress of that work, the work order number is 744704.

The final two findings require an additional assessment, followed by the development of a project design before remediation can occur. The first of these two findings was deteriorating lead-based paint in several locations at the facility. The other finding was of asbestos-containing material at one location at the facility. If you would like to track the progress of that work, the work order numbers are 744705 and 744703, 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 MPD Storage Warehouse and the DC General Hospital Steam Plant. If you have questions, please contact Mike McLaughlin, DGS External Affairs at environmental.dgs@dc.gov.