

To: ANC3D, SMD3D05, Commissioner Bernie Horn
From: The Department of General Services (DGS)
Date: July 25, 2023
Subject: Palisades Recreation Center: Environmental Safety Testing Result Notification

Commissioner Horn:

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 5200 Sherier Pl. NW.

During routine testing at the Palisades Recreation Center, we found two environmental risks, as defined by the legislation.

The first finding was of water intrusion through the roof, resulting in mold and mildew identification in the building. The estimated completion date for remediation of the mold is August 21. If you would like to track the progress of that work, the work order number is 749850. The second finding was of pest activity in the basement. The estimated completing data for cleaning and treating the basement is August 4. If you would like to track the progress of that work, the work order number is 749862.

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 Palisades Recreation Center. If you have questions, please contact Mike McLaughlin, DGS External Affairs at environmental.dgs@dc.gov.