

**To:** ANC6B, SMD6B07 Commissioner Vince Mareino

**From:** The Department of General Services (DGS)

**Date:** August 7, 2023

**Subject:** TSA Sign Shop (District Department of Transportation): Environmental Safety Testing Result Notification

Commissioner Mareino:

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 1338 G St. SE.

During routine testing at the TSA Sign Shop, we found the following environmental risks, as defined by the legislation:

- Asbestos in the exterior of the building's metal window glazing. The next steps are to complete an assessment of the identified areas, develop a remediation project design, and execute on the plan. The work order number is 750475 and the estimated completion date for the work is August 22, 2023.
- Presence of deteriorating lead-based paint on the print shop wall and the sliding door of the flag storage room. The initial assessment was complete as of July 31, 2023. Next, a project design must be developed and the remediation work completed. We expect a status update in the coming weeks.
- Improperly stored toxic chemicals in the main area of the print shop. The work order number is 750469 and the estimated completion date for the proper storage or disposal of those materials is August 18, 2023.
- Pest intrusion along the exterior of the building and storage space. The next steps are to treat and close rodent burrows and other signs of pests. The work order number is 750471 and the estimated completion date for the work is August 14, 2023.
- Moisture intrusion in the second-floor hallway, which can result in the development of mold and mildew in a building. The work order number is 750472 and the estimated completion date for the identification and remediation of mold is September 5, 2023.
- Elevated levels of volatile organic compounds in the main area of the print shop, specifically when the large sign printer was in operation. Relatedly, poor ventilation in the print room was identified due to non-operational ventilation units. The work order numbers associated with those findings are 750473 and 750474 and the remediation work to repair the exhaust fans and improve air quality was complete as of August 9, 2023.

You can find more information about these environmental tests by visiting our new database of inspection details here: <https://dcdgs.my.site.com/BEA/s/>.

**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 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 workers and visitors at the TSA Sign Shop. If you have questions, please contact Mike McLaughlin, DGS External Affairs at [environmental.dgs@dc.gov](mailto:environmental.dgs@dc.gov).