

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANING

South File Area, Federal Center Building 104

Fact Sheet

A project is underway to clean the southernmost file area in the Veterans Benefits Administration Records Management Center. This environmental cleaning project will address lead and other heavy metals present in the space. Additional file areas of the building will be cleaned in the coming months. The north office and support area was cleaned in July 2016.

WHAT

Vertical and horizontal surfaces will be cleaned for dust, and air quality will be monitored daily.

WHO

Professional Environmental Engineers has been contracted by the GSA to perform the environmental cleaning.

WHY

Previous sampling by OSHA within the High-Density File Area has revealed heavy metal contamination likely related to the manufacturing during World War II.

WHEN

South file area work will begin in January 2017 and extend through May 2017. Other file areas will be cleaned after the south end is complete.

WHERE

The front/back/edges of the files, shelves, top/back/sides of the file system, floors, lights, walls, and columns will be cleaned.

HOW

Cleaning with HEPA vacuum and wet methods; containment with barrier plastic walls; and negative air pressure with HEPA filters.

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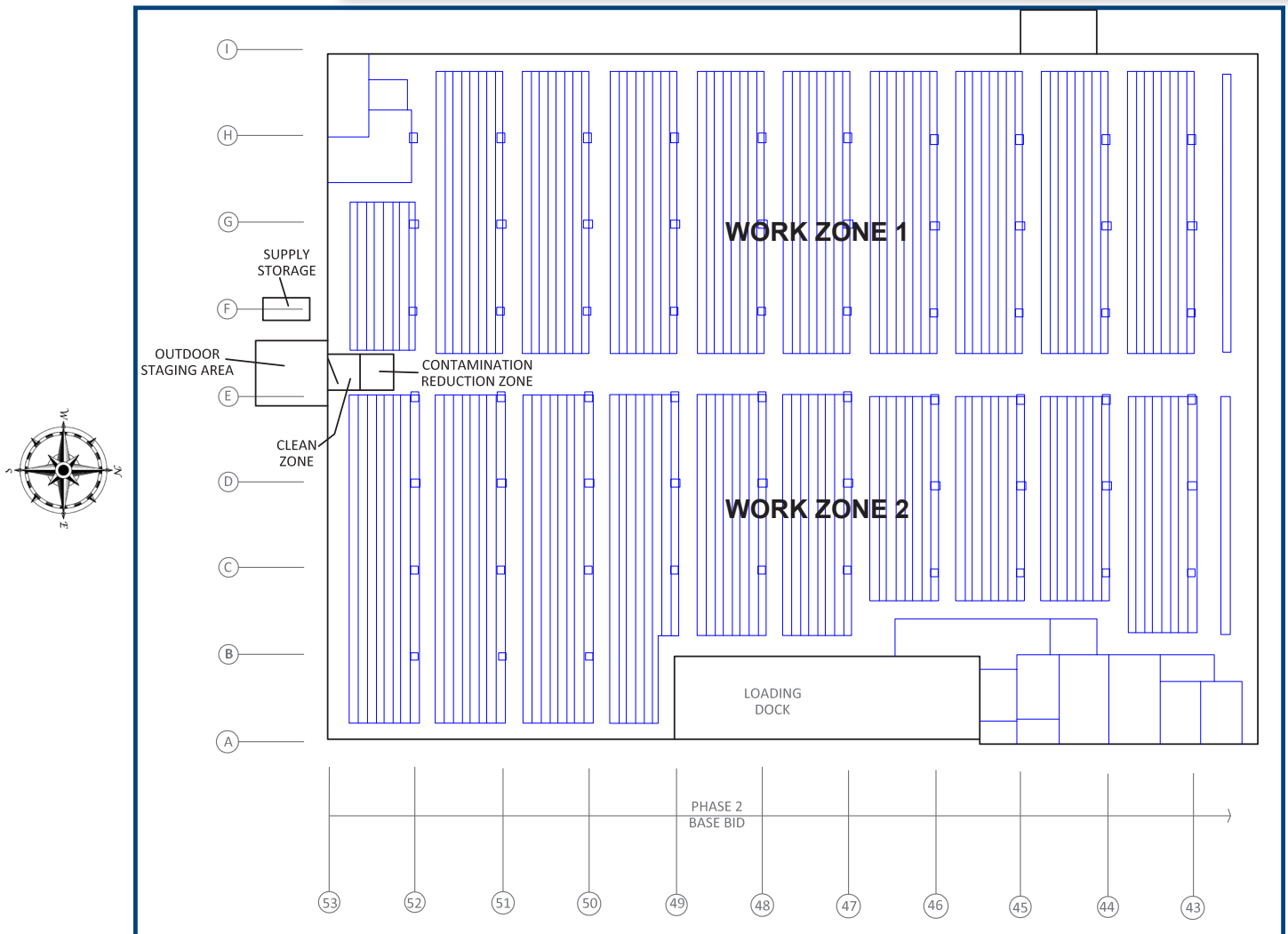
The size in square feet of the South File Area within Building 104.

1,750,000

The number of paper files containing veterans' medical records.

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The number cleaning work zones in the south file area. In each zone, cleaning will be contained and conducted under a negative pressure, preventing contaminants from migrating from the work zone into adjacent spaces.



Work Zones will be restricted to authorized personnel during the cleaning process.