

July 29, 2016

Representatives from the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) will be onsite next week to follow-up on their recent Health Hazard Evaluation. All agencies are invited to attend one of two NIOSH town hall meetings next Tuesday, August 2. Both sessions will be held in the 105L auditorium.

All-Campus Town Hall #1

8/2/2016 | 1 - 2 PM | 105L Auditorium

All-Campus Town Hall #2

8/2/2016 | 3 - 4 PM | 105L Auditorium

NIOSH and GSA representatives will use these forums to update you on current environmental clean-up activities and answer questions. In addition to these sessions, VA employees are being invited to attend agency-specific town hall meetings Monday evening and Tuesday morning.

Building 104 Update

Global Environmental, Inc., continues to test and clean Building 104 following recent lead and heavy metal sample results. Occupational health and safety professionals from NIOSH analyzed GEI's data, along with recent medical testing results for VA employees. NIOSH has provided an [interim letter](#) with a recommendation to maintain good housekeeping after the current major cleaning effort is finished.

The data collected from this month's GEI samples and the NIOSH interim letter are now available in the [reading room](#).

VA expects to resume operations soon using enhanced personal protective measures (like wearing gloves while working in files areas) until the Records Management Center is fully cleaned. Remediation activities are expected to be completed by late September.

OSHA Citation Report

GSA submitted its [official response](#) to the OSHA citation report on July 25. Three of the seven violations have been satisfied, and OSHA will continue to track GSA as we make progress on the remaining deficiencies. The new deadlines for corrections are:

- Item 1a (unguarded flywheels by elevators): **Feb. 15, 2017**
- Item 1b (unguarded vertical belts running elevators): **Feb. 15, 2017**
- Item 2 (uncovered electrical control cabinets): **Feb. 15, 2017**
- Item 4 (surfaces free of lead accumulations): **July 25, 2018**

These four areas of concern will be managed in place through institutional controls until they are fully corrected. Correspondence between OSHA and GSA related to the citation report are now available in the [reading room](#).

If you have any questions for GSA when reviewing this or other environmental data reports, please contact us by emailing r6environmental@gsa.gov. Inquiries received to this email will be coordinated with the proper subject matter expert for response.

Thank you

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