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Subject: Ronald Reagan State Building water testing and remediation
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***This message is intended for departments and agencies that have staff in the Ronald Reagan State Building.
Please share this message with staff working in the building.***

Dear Colleagues,

As mentioned in a previous email on September 29, 2023, the Department of General Services (DGS) started water testing for the presence of Legionella and other water-borne bacteria in the Ronald Reagan State Building in Los Angeles.

The Judicial Council of California coordinated the testing in the building, and based on preliminary results from that testing, the vendor has recommended disinfection of the building's water systems.

Remediation efforts are scheduled to begin October 18. The remediation is known as an "online disinfection," which means people are still permitted to be in the building and may use the water as normal. We understand that this notice is coming with relatively short notice and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. However, our goal is to maintain the safety of all tenants, so we are moving as quickly as possible to mitigate risk.

As a reminder and to be clear, it is not uncommon to find Legionella bacteria in office buildings. In a study of U.S. office buildings, researchers found Legionella present in 35% of office building taps tested. It is worth noting that most healthy people exposed to Legionella bacteria do not get sick. Exposure generally occurs when inhaling aerosolized droplets of water containing Legionella bacteria. Some people may experience mild symptoms if exposed to the bacteria, and when some people (usually those at higher risk for disease) do become infected and get Legionnaires' Disease, it primarily causes cough, fever and shortness of breath. As with other forms of pneumonia, other symptoms can present as well, so it is important to consult with a health care provider if experiencing any symptoms. Most people with Legionnaires' Disease fully recover with antibiotic treatment. Legionella or Legionnaires' Disease are not usually associated with long-term symptoms.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding during this process.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to our Facilities Management Division's Industrial Hygienist, Bryan Landis, at Bryan.Landis@dgs.ca.gov.

Thank you,

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