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Good evening directors, chief deputy directors, and others. We have been working today and yesterday to provide more information and a meaningful update to you all regarding the closure of the San Diego/Mission Valley state office building. Below is a summary of how we got to where we are today.

In early 2022, the Department of General Services (DGS) Facility Management Division (FMD) began testing all state buildings under DGS' jurisdiction for the presence of legionella. This was done for preventative reasons and out of an abundance of caution. FMD contracted with Millennium Environment Consulting Associates to fully educate the FMD team on all possible legionella strands and potential health impacts, and to begin sample testing and remediation strategies when necessary.

On Monday, April 10, 2023, FMD received a report that an employee who works at 7575 Metropolitan Drive in San Diego had been hospitalized with legionnaire's disease. While we are unable to confirm the employee officially has the disease and/or caught the disease at the worksite, DGS made a decision to shut down the building. The building remains closed and will reopen Monday, April 17, 2023.

DGS immediately took action by scheduling the environmental contractor to install filters on all faucets throughout the building and to flush the entire building system with a chemical treatment on Saturday, April 15. The contractor will also retest the water systems after the remediations have occurred. DGS is working in coordination with the California Department of Public Health, as well as the County of San Diego Public Health Services to ensure the safety of the tenants. We are committed to communicate as much information as possible and will do so as information flows in. We encourage executives to notify their employees who work within the building and have attached a sample letter for you to send to your employees. The sample letter includes a link to a fact sheet about legionella from the Center for Disease Control. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Thanks for your patience and understanding as we navigate this situation.

Sincerely,

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