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Subject: FW: Ronald M. George State Office Complex Remediation- Tomorrow, Thursday, Oct. 25
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Please note there is a minor edit to the below email.

Remediation efforts at the Ronald M. George State Office Complex in San Francisco, Calif. are scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 26th.

***This message is intended for departments and agencies that have staff in the
Ronald M. George State Office Complex.
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 M. George State Office Complex in San Francisco.

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 some of the building's fixtures.

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We understand this notice is coming with relatively short notice, and we 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) 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 healthcare provider if experiencing any symptoms. Most people with Legionnaires' Disease fully recover with antibiotic treatment. Legionella or Legionnaires' Disease is 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.

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