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THIS ISSUE:

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Re-Occupancy of Phase II

The Contractor is currently working 7 days a week with as many as 150 workers a day in an effort to finish the office tower portion (floors 2 through 7) of wings 5 east and west. Additionally, all of the egress routes and life safety systems are required to be inspected and signed off by GSA's Fire Protection Engineers certifying that the renovated space affords "a reasonable degree of safety to the building occupants".

Once this has been accomplished the newly renovated wing will be ready for re-occupancy. However, first the DOI will "flush out" the renovated space using filters and particulate. Once complete the moves will begin. The entire process is expected to take 60 days and will be completed by May. Each phase the usable renovated office space actually gets smaller due to the installation of the new stair towers and kitchenettes. This phase we are re-occupying approximately 75000 square feet and vacating approximately 95000 square feet. While every effort will be made to accommodate the needs of the offices and Bureaus, we ask every person to consider ways to reduce their space needs. One of the most environmentally responsible measures we can undertake is to maximize our efficiency in order to reduce any unnecessary space requirements. Weekly move meeting with designated move coordinators and/or administrative contacts will begin January 31,

Air Quality of Your Renovated Space



What is this thing..... and why does it make that buzzing sound? The little blue box is actually an air sampling pump which is designed to collect particulate in a filter at the end of the tube. The particulate is then analyzed to insure that asbestos has not been released into the air. The pumps on the outside of the construction barrier walls are above and beyond what is required by Federal Regulation and provided as an additional measure of safety.



All surfaces are carefully covered prior to performing any ACM removal. The air both inside and immediately outside the work zone is sampled and a clearance given prior to removing any portion of the clean envelope.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

FIRE ALARM TESTING

GSA will be testing the newly installed fire alarm system for the 5th wing beginning at 9:00 pm on Monday February 13 and all day, Presidents day February 20th. To insure proper interface with the existing systems all portions of the building will be affected.

OSHA SITE VISIT

In response to occupant concerns regarding construction activities an OSHA Compliance and Safety Officer conducted an unannounced visit to review the occupied areas of the MIB. Findings have not yet been provided.

LEED-EB CERTIFICATION

Certification submission has been extended until the Summer of 2006.

OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE FOR THE 5th WING WORK

Per the Facilities Standards for Public Buildings Service "No new building undergoing renovations or portions thereof shall be occupied until the regional fire protection engineer has issued an Occupancy Certificate stating that all life safety systems have been completed to afford a reasonable degree of safety to the building occupants.

ANNMARIE SWEET-ABSHIRE, GSA Project Manager has accepted a new position with GSA and will be moving on at the end of January. We all thank her for her expertise, service, and dedication to the project and wish her well in her new position.

CORRIDOR COLORS

A great deal of effort has gone into arriving at a final wall color for the corridors. In an effort to balance historic, environmental and safety concerns an additional historic paint analysis was commissioned and the actual original building color was electronically color matched. This color will be used in the historic corridors, floors 1 and 2. Upper floor corridors will utilize the lighter wall color found in the typical office.

**PLEASE JOIN US AT THE BI-MONTHLY TENANT USER GROUP MEETINGS.
THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED ON MARCH 23, 2006 AT 10 a.m.
IN THE RACHEL CARSON ROOM.**

DID YOU KNOW?

- 82% of the materials used in wing 5 and 6 were manufactured locally, within a 500 mile radius, reducing the environmental impacts resulting from transportation, and supporting the local economy.
- 92% of wood used in wing 5 was certified wood, supporting environmentally responsible forest management.

COMING SOON ON THE WEBSITE:

- Look for periodic summaries of our on-going air monitoring efforts. (actual reports are housed in the modernization Program Office)
- The Office Move guide
- A "what to expect when I move in to my new office" pamphlet