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The floor-by-floor remediation project continues. Ninth floor work has been completed and the floor cleared for reoccupancy. The 9th floor employees are being moved back this week as scheduled. The next employees scheduled to be relocated while repairs occur are those from the 18th floor. The move of these employees to the 11th floor is scheduled to begin by the end of January.

After staff was relocated to other swing space in the building, during the repairs and remediation on the 21st floor, DGS reports the discovery of mold under the carpeting and on the cement floor throughout the 21st floor. Air tests were taken on the 21st floor as well as the 20th and 22nd floors by BOE consultant HTI. Air test results were reported to be unremarkable. DGS consultant LaCroix Davis also collected a total of 76 tape lift samples from the 21st floor and LaCroix Davis reports resulting data shows no remarkable findings. The type of mold discovered under the carpet and on the cement floor is reported to be *Penicillium* and *Aspergillus*. As a precaution, DGS reports the furniture is being HEPA vacuumed and the walls wiped down, following established protocols. DGS and their consultant, LaCroix Davis, are working with HTI to develop protocols specific to carpet removal to be followed throughout the remainder of the project. DGS reports no similar discovery of mold uniformly distributed throughout the floor under the carpeting has been made during the remediation and repairs on the nine other floors completed to date. The [HTI report](#) regarding the 21st floor has been posted to the Building Assessment webpage. The 21st floor employees will return to that floor after it is cleared for occupancy by HTI.

A specific source of water intrusion causing the mold has yet to be determined. Consultants speculate that this mold may be the source of the historically reported odors on the 21st Floor. Repeated specific and random air quality tests and tests for Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) over the last several months have resulted in unremarkable findings.

This 21st Floor discovery will delay the remediation schedule by up to two weeks, according to DGS estimates.

Once again, I would like to remind you to report any water intrusion you may encounter through the Building Assessment webpage "Report a Leak" button. I ask that you be especially mindful during the Winter storm season. We depend on your assistance so that we may respond quickly to any identified issues.

Again I thank you for your cooperation and patience.