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Department of General Services is conducting many construction/remediation activities here at the headquarters building. Some of them are highly visible, while others are not. For example, work continues on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th floors, all three of which remain closed to BOE employees. Meanwhile, a highly visible containment surrounds the Security Guard Station in the lobby area. Regarding this project, DGS has told us their plan is to have that containment removed by mid-September. There are also six break rooms/conference rooms that have been closed to employees that we know cause some inconvenience for us. In addition to these projects, DGS has hired LaCroix Davis as their consultant to investigate the building. They have conducted an initial investigation of the elevator shafts, and their findings have been posted to the [Building Assessment Website](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

We continue to request that all work on the building be monitored by our consultant, Hygiene Technologies, who are very aware that the health and safety of our employees is our first priority.

Hygiene Technologies, our onsite industrial hygienists, also are responsible for offering BOE advice based on industry best practices and standards. Sometimes our consultants and the consultants of DGS do not agree on protocols and procedures. Currently, there is a dispute between the consultants surrounding clearance protocols that is still being worked out. Correspondence regarding the issues is also located on the Building Assessment website [here](#).

Keeping in mind that the health and safety of our employees is our primary concern, we are working toward resolution of the issues between the respective consultants. We appreciate your continued cooperation and will continue to keep you updated on issues and progress as they relate to the headquarters building. Please continue to use the communication vehicles provided to you through the Building Assessment website, so we can address concerns as quickly as possible.