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Local 4340

Over the past couple of weeks, your Union was contacted regarding some potential office safety issues in certain areas of your work space. We engaged with the CWA State of Ohio Safety Representative and Cuyahoga County Environmental Health & Safety Manager to conduct a safety walk through. Some of you may have seen us walking around Friday, 10/19/18, to inspect some areas.

After completing our walk through, the following are the results including actions to be taken by the County.

1. Placed work orders for the missing/damaged ceiling tiles, so that issue will be abated.
2. Lights and tiles that are dusty will be cleaned. As discussed, this is not mold, but nuisance dust so it does not pose a serious health hazard. Regardless, this will be abated as well.
3. Provide electronic copies of the Asbestos Surveys taken at Courthouse Square, Old Courthouse, and the Justice Center. As discussed, there is no friable asbestos that would portend a health hazard to our employees.
4. A work order has been placed to put batteries in the smoke alarms and test in Room 60 of the Courthouse.
5. Scraping samples of the ceiling in room 60 and sent the samples to the lab to see whether or not the paint is lead. We should have results by Friday, and will send along the findings.
6. A work order was placed to re-caulk the 2nd floor women's bathroom, as we discussed Friday.
7. Damaged ladders should be replaced by Clerk of Courts Supervision. I can put together a ladder inspection template, and written ladder safety program if requested by the department.
8. Discuss with Facilities Maintenance Superintendent the possibility of getting a JLG over to Courthouse Square and inspecting the 6th Floor window to see if that needs re-caulked or tuck pointed.

Thank you to those who brought the issues to our attention. Please contact your Stewards or your Union office with any further issues.

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