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Subject: NJIT Water Testing - Update

Dear Members of the University Community:

As part of our continuing efforts to ensure safe drinking water for the university community, NJIT has conducted additional water testing at all occupied buildings on campus. Testing methodology, sampling strategy, and Interim Control Plan have been communicated in our previous bulletins and are posted on the EHS website.

At this point in the testing process we wanted to share with the university community some of the progress we have made in implementing our Interim Control Plan. As stated previously, our initial strategy has been to focus first on drinking fountains and then on faucets in food preparation areas following the procedures specified in the Interim Control Plan. Currently we have been able to clear, by sampling and laboratory analysis, and/or by repair, replacement, and re-sampling (if necessary) drinking fountains in the following buildings:

- Fenster Hall
- York Center
- Campus Center
- Central Avenue (Library)
- EDC II
- Fleisher Athletic Center
- Cypress Hall

Additionally, every food preparation sink and drink machine in the Campus Center has been cleared by sampling and laboratory analysis.

Progress has also been made in removing and replacing problematic plumbing fixtures or components with new fixtures or components certified to be lead free at numerous locations throughout the campus. This work will continue and every newly installed fixture will be re-sampled and vetted for effectiveness.

In the coming days, as drinking fountains and pantry/kitchen sinks are cleared by testing and laboratory analysis, a sign indicating that the fixture has been sampled and found to be below the NJ DEP/US EPA Action Level for lead will be posted, and bottled drinking water may then be removed from the location. Currently, NJIT is providing bottled drinking water at the following locations: Fleisher Athletic Center, Cypress Hall, Tiernan Hall, Weston Hall, the Specht Building Colton Hall, and Cullimore Hall.

As we move forward, our strategy will be to continue to concentrate on drinking fountains and pantry/kitchen sinks. Our future sampling strategy will seek to clear entire buildings by implementing the previously-described control strategies and then re-sampling. Point-of-use filtration systems have been installed in several locations. For drinking fountains, filtration systems have been installed as part of our ongoing efforts to supply safe drinking water to the university community. For pantry and kitchen sinks, filtration systems were installed as a temporary measure while more permanent solutions, like the replacement of problematic plumbing components, were underway.

Please continue to check the NJIT website related to the drinking water testing and mitigation plans. Additional information along with the information provided previously can be found here:

<http://www5.njit.edu/environmentalsafety/drinking-water-testing/>

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns. NJIT is committed to the safety and well-being of our community. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to remedy this issue.

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