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GEFI Building Update – June 17, 2014

Today's GEFI building update includes a general timeline as to when the building will be opened, as well as employee's personal items in GEFI. An overview of the information we have shared with employees is listed below.

GEFI Locker Rooms and Bikes

We have asked staff to retrieve any locker room items and bikes, and all bikes have been claimed at this time. There are still some items in the locker rooms, which we have asked staff to claim so that we can continue remediation efforts in the building.

Returning to GEFI Building

The fourth floor was turned back over to DOA from the insurance adjuster on June 12. DOA is now able to go into that area of the building and better estimate the extent and cost of the damage, needed repairs, and a possible timeline for reoccupying the building.

At this time, it appears that some employees may be able to reoccupy the building towards early August. It is likely the vast majority of employees will be able to be relocated back into GEFI by the end of August, although some areas of the fourth floor will likely be delayed as repairs are completed.

This timeline is tentative and has not been finalized. DOA is assessing the damage done to the fourth floor, which will drive the timeline going forward. Also, the ventilation system is connected throughout the building and is out of service for cleaning, and those repairs must be completed before employees return.

Any remaining furniture, equipment, work files, supplies, and all other materials will be removed from the building or cleaned in the weeks ahead so that the remediation efforts can be completed.

Personal Belongings

At the end of May, we asked GEFI staff if they would like to pack up their personal belongings in the GEFI building and remove them at that time, or have their items packed by cleaning staff. For those who deferred to the cleaning staff, their boxes were stored in a secure location for them to pick up at a future date. Those items are now being returned to staff, including those personal items from the fourth floor area where the fire began.

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