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R. Casey Perkins for
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Re: Social Security Administration, Complaint #207249491

Dear Mr. Perkins:

Thank you for your letter of June 2, 2009 regarding the Hugo Oklahoma Social Security office. Please allow me to bring you up to date on the actions that have been taken to remedy this problem. An employee in the Hugo office notified management in April 2009 of a water intrusion and possible mold issue. An email was promptly sent to our facilities staff in the Dallas Regional Office and the GSA Building Manager, Don Bean, made a visit to the site to determine what actions were needed. Scott Kucharski, GSA Environmental Protection Specialist visited the site May 13, 2009 and prepared an Environmental Assessment Report. He found that there were moisture issues within the building but no visible signs of mold. He did site numerous corrective actions to be taken by the lessor to remedy the moisture issues and prevent the formation of mold. When the contractor removed some wallpaper from a wall in the break room to repair water damage there were some visible signs that concerned me. GSA was immediately notified. They arranged for PHS/FOH (Scott Fontenarosa) to conduct an indoor air quality test at the site on June 11th. We have a preliminary verbal report from Mr. Fontenarosa that there are signs of mold growth in the exterior walls. Mr. Fontenarosa will provide his report as soon as possible to GSA and SSA. Until that plan is received, reviewed by GSA and SSA environmental staff and approved, no work can be done. Any remediation work done within SSA space will be closely monitored by SSA and FOH personnel, to insure that the lessor and remediation contractor follow local, state, and federal guidelines and protocols for health and safety during remediation activities.

Please notify *me* of any further information you need and any further obligation I have to notify OSHA of our actions. You can reach me at 918-423-1942.

Thank you,

Kathy Marshall
Kathy Marshall
District Manager