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**Importance:** High

Dear All,

As we move into the warm season, we want to remind everyone that increasing heat and humidity can create conditions that contribute to moisture buildup and mold growth in our facilities. Last year, as you know, we experienced significant mold issues related to high humidity. The Commissioners contracted with VET Environmental to remediate last year's problems and established an ongoing assessment of the buildings with targeted remediation as appropriate.

In order for the work that has been done and is ongoing, to be successful, we ask that you take the following proactive steps to prevent similar challenges this year.

Please help us maintain a healthy and safe work environment by keeping the following in mind:

- **Report moisture issues promptly.** If you notice damp areas, leaks, condensation, or unusual odors, notify Facilities immediately so we can address them before they worsen.
- **Keep workspaces tidy and dry.** Avoid blocking air vents, and ensure items are stored so that air can circulate freely.
- **Do not use personal humidifiers or space heaters.** These can unintentionally raise humidity levels or cause temperature fluctuations that contribute to moisture problems.
- **Ensure windows remain closed.** Open windows introduce outside humidity into climate-controlled areas, which can lead to mold when combined with indoor cooling.
- **Follow any instructions from Facilities or Maintenance.** You may see dehumidifiers or fans in use at certain times; these are preventive measures to keep conditions stable.

Our goal is to maintain a healthy, comfortable workspace for everyone. Thank you in advance for your attention and cooperation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.