

## **Building 1916 T-2 mold, lead, and asbestos sample results**

Recently, ORO employees who were relocated to Building 1916-T2 expressed concerns about mold in the T2 building. There was also concern about paint chips falling from the ceiling in the women's restroom. Sampling was performed on June 26 to assess both of these concerns.

Based on the results of sampling for mold, there does not appear to be any systemic mold issue of significance. Mold is present at very low levels as can be expected in any building, but at a much lower level than outdoors at the building. Hypersensitive people, such as those with mold allergies, may continue to have symptoms because of low levels present in the building. It is also important to note that allergy symptoms may occur whether or not live mold is present.

The paint sampling results revealed that the paint chips were well below EPA's threshold for lead in residential paint and that the current situation poses no health hazard to workers. However, because the paint is peeling and flaking, it will be addressed and fixed by maintenance in the coming days.

While collecting the mold and paint samples, teams also sampled the ceiling of the T2 break room. This was collected as a prudent action due to the deteriorating condition of the plaster. Although previous samplings in portions of the facility indicated no asbestos containing material, the most recent sample indicated that plaster in the kitchen ceiling is 3 percent asbestos. As soon as the results were received, the room was sealed off to prevent entry, and abatement of the asbestos is planned for the near future.