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## news

THE LATEST INFORMATION  
ON THE MAIN INTERIOR BUILDING  
MODERNIZATION PROJECT

### What's New?

- Historic skylights to be introduced in gym roof
- Phase III progress report
- New Credit Union plans
- NIOSH update

### IAQ FORUM

Join us for the biweekly IAQ forum. The forum is open to all occupants of the Main Interior Complex and provides an avenue for occupants to present any indoor air quality issues and concerns related to the modernization of the Main Interior Building.

For more information, Contact Gay Bindocci (208-3919). This meeting is held every other **Monday at 2 p.m.** in the Modernization Program Office Conference Room, **2507**.

NEXT IAQ FORUM

Dec. 18 Room 2507 @ 2p.m.

### 2007 TUG SCHEDULE

TUG meetings are held on **Thursdays at 10 a.m.** in the **Rachel Carson Room**.

- February 1, 2007
- March 22, 2007
- May 24, 2007
- July 26, 2007
- September 27, 2007
- December 6, 2007



*The gym roof demolition will re-introduce skylights that were a part of the original gymnasium when the building was completed in 1935. A temporary shelter will be used while work is being completed.*

## Daylight returns to historic gym

Part of the gymnasium reopened on September 26, marking the end of the first phase. The gym equipment has been moved from the temporary location to the original gym in the 500 corridor.

With the re-opening of the gym, both locker rooms have been renovated and now feature saunas. The basketball court is scheduled to be back in service in July of 2007. Demolition of the roof over the basketball court has just begun. A temporary mobile shelter has been erected to contain work activities.

The skylights were part of the original gym, and their recovery will be a significant step in building restoration. In designing the building, Secretary Harold Ickes was interested in ensuring that employees had convenient access to recreation.

This restoration marks another instance of the department's commitment to preserving the Main Interior Building as a progressive example of utility and economy.

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## Phase III is now 33% completed



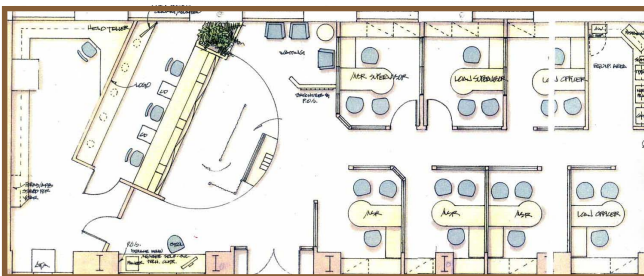
An original building fan stands approximately 8 feet high on the M floor/ This was part of the first centralized heating, ventilating and air conditioning system in a large federal building. This is being replaced with modern equipment in a more efficient HVAC system.

Phase III construction began in June of 2006.

The results to date are:

- Removal of hazardous materials has been completed on floors 5, 6, 7 and M. Materials are now being removed on the fourth floor and will continue downward.
- The building's original heating and cooling equipment is being dismantled and removed in order to make room for smaller, more efficient individual fan coil systems that are being installed.
- Saw cutting and demolition of the floor is about to start in order to make way for staircases to be placed on both ends of the wing. These additional stairs will improve evacuation efficiency and safety in the event of an emergency.

### DOI Credit Union to move to former Office Eagle location



Designs are being finalized to complete the new credit union space. The facility will be built for immediate occupation to allow the credit union to quickly relocate with minimal disruption of service.

### Modernization project responds to NIOSH recommendations

In August, NIOSH inspectors spent four days reviewing the Main Interior Building modernization. In their initial debriefing, the inspectors stated that during their inspection, they found no significant hazards, and they provided recommendations for possible improvements. The department is awaiting a written report, and the project has already implemented some of their recommendations.



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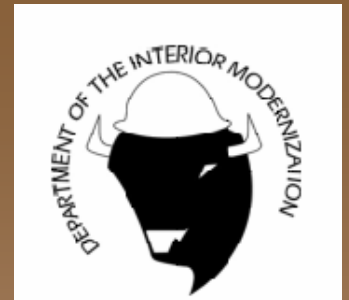


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A meter measures air pressure differences between occupied spaces of the building and the construction

A window exhaust fan creates negative air pressure to prevent dust from escaping construction barriers and entering occupied space.

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