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Dear Residents, Staff Members, Families and Powers of Attorney,

The following is an update regarding mold abatement progress and prevention efforts at the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park.

Environmental Design, Inc. (EDI) collected air samples from Stars and Stripes Wing rooms 701 and 703 and the adjoining bathroom, as well as Old Glory rooms 601 and 603 and the adjoining bathroom. The samples were collected from these rooms after abatement treatment was completed and while portions of the interior of the walls remained exposed. EDI reports that these final air clearance samples collected are deemed acceptable. Per EDI, total spore counts resulting from these samples can be considered low per industry standards. EDI further reported that the types and quantities of spores reported from the samples do not reflect an unusual mold condition.

Active Environmental Technologies, Inc. continued abatement treatment and repairs within the Freedom, Independence, Stars and Stripes and Old Glory wings. Trim and bathroom fixture work continue in the Liberty wing.

Please contact me at [lisa.kranis@dmava.nj.gov](mailto:lisa.kranis@dmava.nj.gov) to share any additional questions or concerns. If you have concerns, please provide us with specific details, such as room numbers, so that we can look into the matter.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Kranis".

Lisa Kranis, LNHA, MPA, CDP  
Chief Executive Officer