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October 5, 2017

The Honorable Chokwe Antar Lumumba 219 South President Street Jackson, Mississippi 39201

RE: Eudora Welty Library – State Fire Marshal Report Detailing Mississippi Fire Prevention Code Violations and Hazardous Life Safety Conditions

Dear Mayor Lumumba,

The State Fire Marshal's Office conducted an inspection of the Eudora Welty Library on October 4, 2017. This inspection was conducted pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 45-11-101(b) which requires the State Fire Marshal to perform inspections of buildings utilized for public assembly when an inspection is believed to be in the interest of public safety. In the course of said inspection, numerous Mississippi Fire Prevention Code violations and hazardous life safety conditions were found. The official State Fire Marshal inspection report is attached to this letter and provides additional details on said violations and conditions.

Pursuant to the authority provided in Miss. Code Ann. § 45-11-109, I regret to inform you that the State Fire Marshal's Office will be closing the Eudora Welty Library to the public at 5:00 pm today, October 5, 2017, and the Library must remain closed to the public until said violations and conditions are corrected. Should the Library remain open to employees, a fire watch will be required of personnel in the building.

I pledge to work with you and the regional library commission to resolve this matter in an efficient manner while protecting the health and safety of the public. Should you have any questions regarding this letter or the attached report, please contact me at 601-359-3581 or Chief Deputy Fire Marshall, Ricky Davis, at 601-359-1068.

Sincerely,

MIKE CHANEY

COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

STATE FIRE MARSHAL

CC: VIA HAND DELIVERY

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October 4, 2017

Commissioner,

On October 4, 2017, the State Fire Marshal's Office, in the interest of Public Safety, conducted an inspection of gross fire and life safety violations at the Eudora Welty Library, in Jackson, MS. Since the Eudora Welty Library is owned by the City of Jackson, the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Jackson Fire Department conducted a joint inspection.

A copy of the inspection report is attached with the violations noted. Considering the seriousness of the violations listed, the State Fire Marshal's Office recommends that the Eudora Welty Library access be closed to the public. The library should remain closed to the public until the violations are corrected or a new facility is located. Should the library remain open to employees, a fire watch will be required of personnel in the building.

Sincerely,

Ricky Davis

Fire Marshal, State Chief Deputy

Enclosure

MISSISSIPPI INSURANCE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT



OCTOBER 4, 2017



STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

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October 4, 2017

Patty Furr Executive Director Eudora Welty Library 300 North State Street Jackson, MS 39201

RE: Eudora Welty Library – Jackson, MS

Dear Ms. Furr:

Today, pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated Section 45-11-101 et seq. (Rev 2015), the State Fire Marshal's Office, in the interest of public safety, conducted a fire and life safety inspection of the Eudora Welty Library, located in the city of Jackson, Mississippi. Representatives from the Jackson Fire Department joined the State Fire Marshal's Office in conducting the inspection.

The following life safety conditions and violations of the Mississippi Fire Prevention Code were duly noted during the course of the inspection:

Roof/ Mezzanine:

1. Combustible Materials stored in Mechanical Room.

315.3.3 Equipment rooms.

Combustible material shall not be stored in boiler rooms, mechanical rooms, and electrical equipment rooms or in *fire command centers* as specified in Section 508.1.5.

Basement/Print Shop:

1. Shelf Storage too high.

315.3.1 Ceiling clearance.

Storage shall be maintained 2 feet (610 mm) or more below the ceiling in non-sprinklered areas of buildings or not less than 18 inches (457 mm) below sprinkler head deflectors in sprinklered areas of buildings.

2. Fire Extinguishers to be annually inspected.

906.2 General requirements.

Portable fire extinguishers shall be selected, installed and maintained in accordance with this section and NFPA 10.

3. Fire Extinguishers to be installed correctly and not left on the floor behind filing cabinet.

906.5 Conspicuous location.

Portable fire extinguishers shall be located in conspicuous locations where they will be readily accessible and immediately available for use. These locations shall be along normal paths of travel, unless the *fire code official* determines that the hazard posed indicates the need for placement away from normal paths of travel.

906.6 Unobstructed and unobscured.

Portable fire extinguishers shall not be obstructed or obscured from view. In rooms or areas in which visual obstruction cannot be completely avoided, means shall be provided to indicate the locations of extinguishers.

Basement/Emergency Operations:

1. Storage to be kept neat and orderly, by the removal of trash and neatly stacking of materials.

304.2 Storage.

Storage of combustible rubbish shall not produce conditions that will create a nuisance or a hazard to the public health, safety or welfare.

2. Fire extinguishers to be annually inspected.

906.2 General requirements.

Portable fire extinguishers shall be selected, installed and maintained in accordance with this section and NFPA 10.

3. Emergency Lighting not functioning.

1008.3.4 Duration.

The emergency power system shall provide power for duration of not less than 90 minutes and shall consist of storage batteries, unit equipment or an on-site generator. The installation of the emergency power system shall be in accordance with Section 604.

Basement/ Auxiliary Space:

1. Miscellaneous storage in electrical room.

315.3.3 Equipment rooms.

Combustible material shall not be stored in boiler rooms, mechanical rooms, and electrical equipment rooms or in *fire command centers* as specified in Section 508.1.5.

2. Egress obstructed.

1003.3 Protruding objects.

Protruding objects on circulation paths shall comply with the requirements of Sections 1003.3.1 through 1003.3.4.

3. Storage of mattresses, pillows and supplies not permitted in stairwell.

304.2 Storage.

Storage of combustible rubbish shall not produce conditions that will create a nuisance or a hazard to the public health, safety or welfare.

4. Material Safety Data Sheets not provided for chemicals.

407.2 Material Safety Data Sheets.

Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for all hazardous materials shall be either readily available on the premises as a paper copy, or where *approved*, shall be permitted to be readily retrievable by electronic access.

5. Fire extinguishers not placed in proper 75 foot intervals.

906.1 Where required.

Portable fire extinguishers shall be installed in all of the following locations:

1. In new and existing Group A, B, E, F, H, I, M, R-1, R-2, R-4 and S occupancies. Exception: In Group R-2 occupancies, portable fire extinguishers shall be required only in locations specified in Items 2 through 6 where each *dwelling unit* is provided with a portable fire extinguisher having a minimum rating of 1-A:10-B:C.

6. Fire Sprinkler System is shut off.

901.4 Installation.

Fire protection systems shall be maintained in accordance with the original installation standards for that system. Required systems shall be extended, altered or augmented as necessary to maintain and continue protection where the building is altered, remodeled or added to. Alterations to fire protection systems shall be done in accordance with applicable standards.

7. Storage to be kept neat and orderly utilizing shelving and the removal of boxes and trash.

304.2 Storage.

Storage of combustible rubbish shall not produce conditions that will create a nuisance or a hazard to the public health, safety or welfare.

8. Exit lights not functioning.

1013.6.3 Power source.

Exit signs shall be illuminated at all times. To ensure continued illumination for duration of not less than 90 minutes in case of primary power loss, the sign illumination means shall be connected to an emergency power system provided from storage batteries, unit equipment or an on-site generator. The installation of the emergency power system shall be in accordance with Section 604.

9. Medical gas not properly secured.

5803.1.1.1 Medical gases.

Medical gas system supply cylinders shall be located in medical gas storage rooms or gas cabinets as set forth in Section 5306.

10. Exit doors in egress stairs obstructed.

1009.3 Stairways.

In order to be considered part of an accessible means of egress, a stairway between stories shall have a clear width of 48 inches (1219 mm) minimum between handrails and shall either incorporate an area of refuge within an enlarged floor-level landing or shall be accessed from an area of refuge complying with Section 1009.6. Exit access stairways that connect levels in the same story are not permitted as part of an accessible means of egress.

11. Fire alarm audio/visual devices needed throughout basement.

907.2.1 Group A.

A manual fire alarm system that activates the occupant notification system in accordance with Section 907.5 shall be installed in Group A occupancies where the occupant load due to the assembly occupancy is 300 or more. Group A occupancies not separated from one another in accordance with Section 707.3.10 of the *International Building Code* shall be considered as a single occupancy for the purposes of applying this section. Portions of Group E occupancies occupied for assembly purposes shall be provided with a fire alarm system as required for the Group E occupancy.

First Floor/ Library:

1. Extension cords used for permanent power.(Reference Area)

605.5 Extension cords.

Extension cords and flexible cords shall not be a substitute for permanent wiring. Extension cords and flexible cords shall not be affixed to structures, extended through walls, ceilings or floors, or under doors or floor coverings, nor shall such cords be subject to environmental damage or physical impact. Extension cords shall be used only with portable appliances.

2. Exit obstructed by table and chairs and rolls of paper. (Reference Area)

1003.6 Means of egress continuity.

The path of egress travel along a *means of egress* shall not be interrupted by a building element other than a *means of egress* component as specified in this chapter. Obstructions shall not be placed in the minimum width or required capacity of a *means of egress* component except projections permitted by this chapter. The minimum width or required capacity of a *means of egress* system shall not be diminished along the path of egress travel.

3. Storage is too close to ceiling.

315.3.1 Ceiling clearance.

Storage shall be maintained 2 feet (610 mm) or more below the ceiling in nonsprinklered areas of buildings or not less than 18 inches (457 mm) below sprinkler head deflectors in sprinklered areas of buildings.

4. Exposed wiring in open junction box.

605.1 Abatement of electrical hazards.

Identified electrical hazards shall be abated. Identified hazardous electrical conditions in permanent wiring shall be brought to the attention of the responsible code official. Electrical wiring, devices, appliances and other equipment that is modified or damaged and constitutes an electrical shock or fire hazard shall not be used.

5. Storage not permitted in Mechanical Room.

315.3.3 Equipment rooms.

Combustible material shall not be stored in boiler rooms, mechanical rooms, and electrical equipment rooms or in *fire command centers* as specified in Section 508.1.5.

6. Material Safety Sheets not provided for chemicals.

407.2 Material Safety Data Sheets.

Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for all hazardous materials shall be either readily available on the premises as a paper copy, or where *approved*, shall be permitted to be readily retrievable by electronic access.

7. Space heaters cannot be placed on combustible surfaces.

605.10 Portable, electric space heaters.

Where not prohibited by other sections of this code, portable, electric space heaters shall be permitted to be used in all occupancies other than Group I-2 and in accordance with Sections 605.10.1 through 605.10.4.

Exception: The use of portable, electric space heaters in which the heating element cannot exceed a temperature of 212°F (100°C) shall be permitted in nonsleeping staff and employee areas in Group I-2 occupancies.

605.10.1 Listed and labeled.

Only listed and labeled portable, electric space heaters shall be used.

605.10.2 Power supply.

Portable, electric space heaters shall be plugged directly into an approved receptacle.

605.10.3 Extension cords.

Portable, electric space heaters shall not be plugged into extension cords.

605.10.4 Prohibited areas.

Portable, electric space heaters shall not be operated within 3 feet (914 mm) of any combustible materials. Portable, electric space heaters shall be operated only in locations for which they are *listed*.

8. Surge protectors cannot be "daisy chained" together.

605.4.2 Power supply.

Relocatable power taps shall be directly connected to a permanently installed receptacle.

9. Exit obstructed by boxes and trash.

1003.6 Means of egress continuity.

The path of egress travel along a *means of egress* shall not be interrupted by a building element other than a *means of egress* component as specified in this chapter. Obstructions shall not be placed in the minimum width or required capacity of a *means of egress* component except projections permitted by this chapter. The minimum width or required capacity of a *means of egress* system shall not be diminished along the path of egress travel.

10. Fire alarm shows trouble with the "dialer".

907.8.5 Inspection, testing and maintenance.

The building *owner* shall be responsible to maintain the fire and life safety systems in an operable condition at all times. Service personnel shall meet the qualification requirements of NFPA 72 for inspection, testing and maintenance of such systems. Records of inspection, testing and maintenance shall be maintained.

Second Floor/ Library:

1. Surge protectors cannot be "daisy chained" together.

605.4.2 Power supply.

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3. Locate and seal all penetrations through fire rated assemblies.

703.1.3 Fire walls, fire barriers and fire partitions.

Required *fire walls, fire barriers* and *fire partitions* shall be maintained to prevent the passage of fire. Openings protected with *approved* doors or fire dampers shall be maintained in accordance with NFPA 80.

4. Exit obstructed (Stairwell exit door obstructed by storage and trash).

1003.6 Means of egress continuity.

The path of egress travel along a *means of egress* shall not be interrupted by a building element other than a *means of egress* component as specified in this chapter. Obstructions shall not be placed in the minimum width or required capacity of a *means of egress* component except projections permitted by this chapter. The minimum width or required capacity of a *means of egress* system shall not be diminished along the path of egress travel.

Throughout the building:

1. Locate and replace all missing and broken ceiling tiles.

703.2 Opening protectives.

Opening protectives shall be maintained in an operative condition in accordance with NFPA 80. Where allowed by the *fire code official*, the application of field-applied labels associated with the maintenance of opening protectives shall follow the requirements of the *approved* third-party certification organization accredited for *listing* the opening protective. Fire doors and *smoke barrier* doors shall not be blocked or obstructed, or otherwise made inoperable. Fusible links shall be replaced promptly whenever fused or damaged. Fire door assemblies shall not be modified.

2. Fire Evacuation Plans to be posted throughout the building.

2015 International Fire Code Section 404

In addition to the above described violations, the inspectors observed that the roof membrane is bubbling in places throughout the roof, and roof mounted mechanical units were not properly sealed to the roof membrane. The Library property is in such a state of disrepair that it has become hazardous to the health and safety of Library patrons and employees. Specifically, inspectors observed raw sewage backing up in the basement and the smell of mold in various

locations throughout the building. Furthermore, the Mississippi Insurance Department previously found several safety conveyance deficiencies concerning the Library's freight and passenger elevators. Those deficiencies have not been corrected as of the date of this letter and in the interest of public safety they should be corrected immediately.

We would like to thank you for your cooperation and professional courtesy during our visit. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact our office at 601-359-1061.

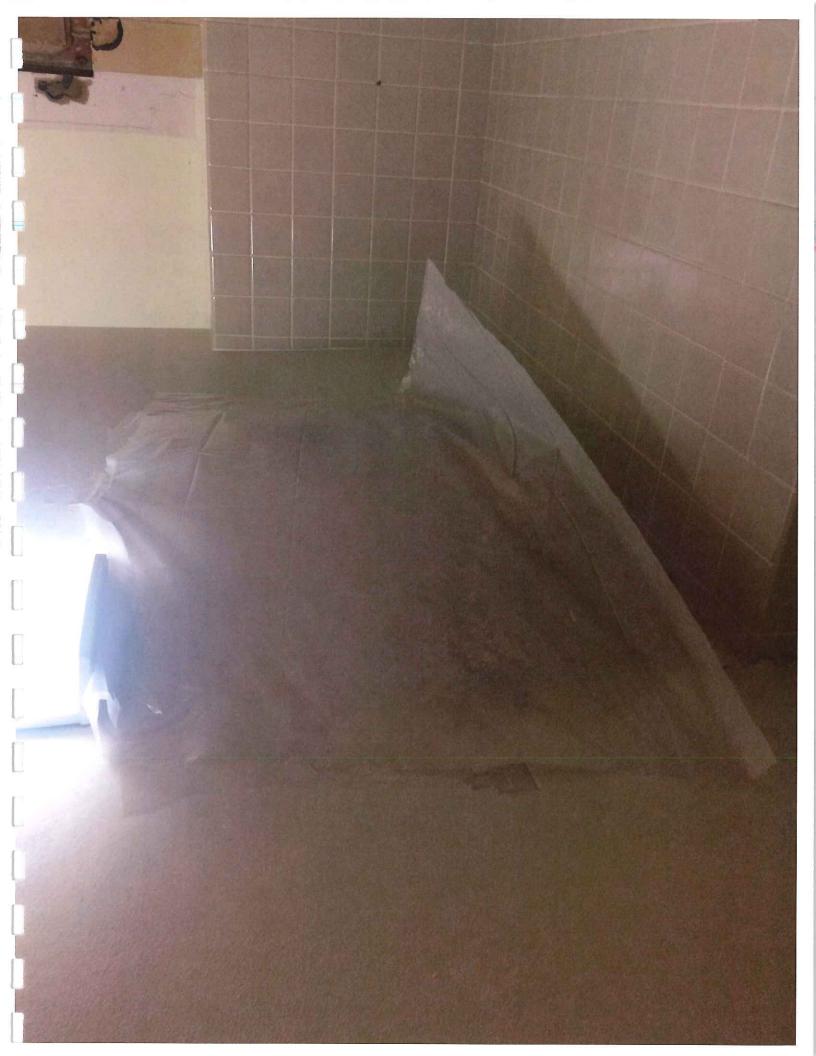
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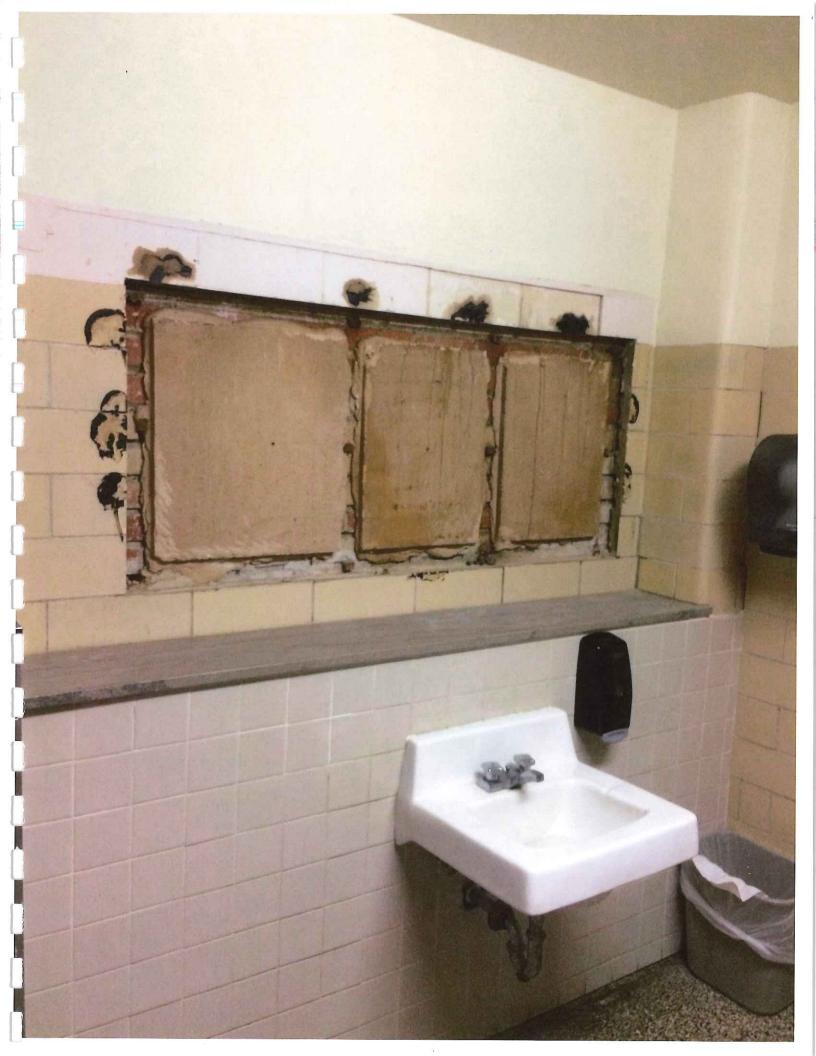
B.J. Malley

Fire Marshal, Deputy Supervisor





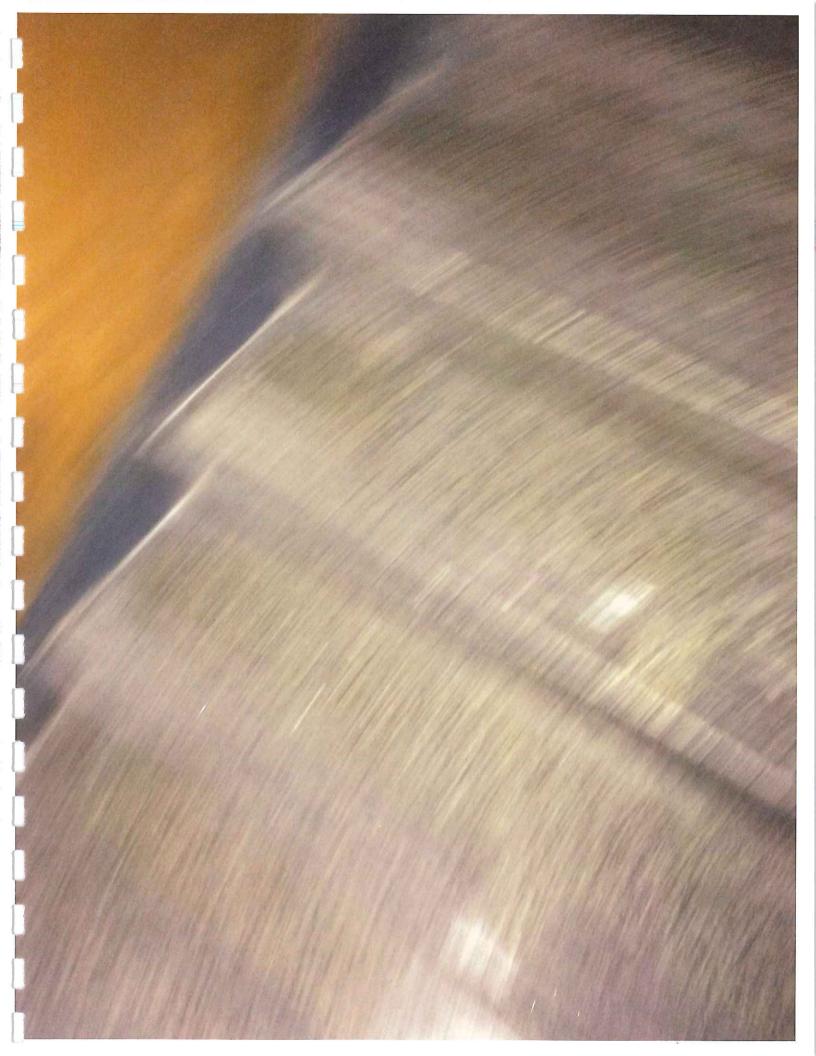


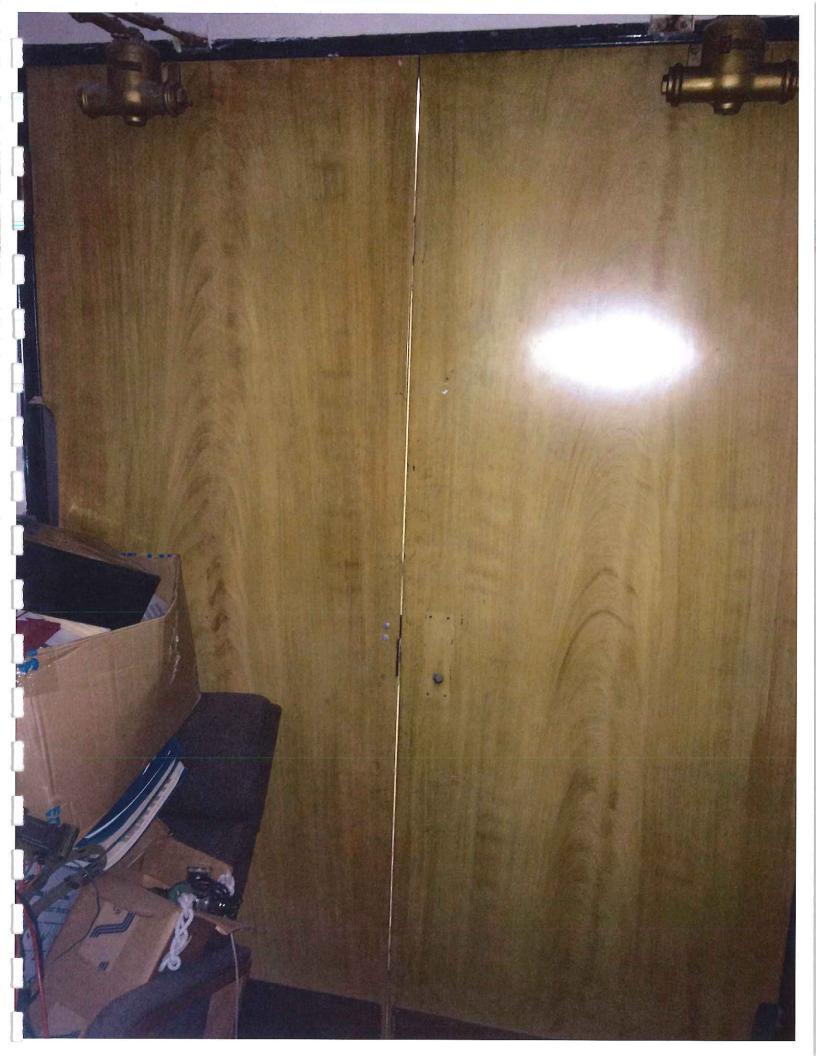




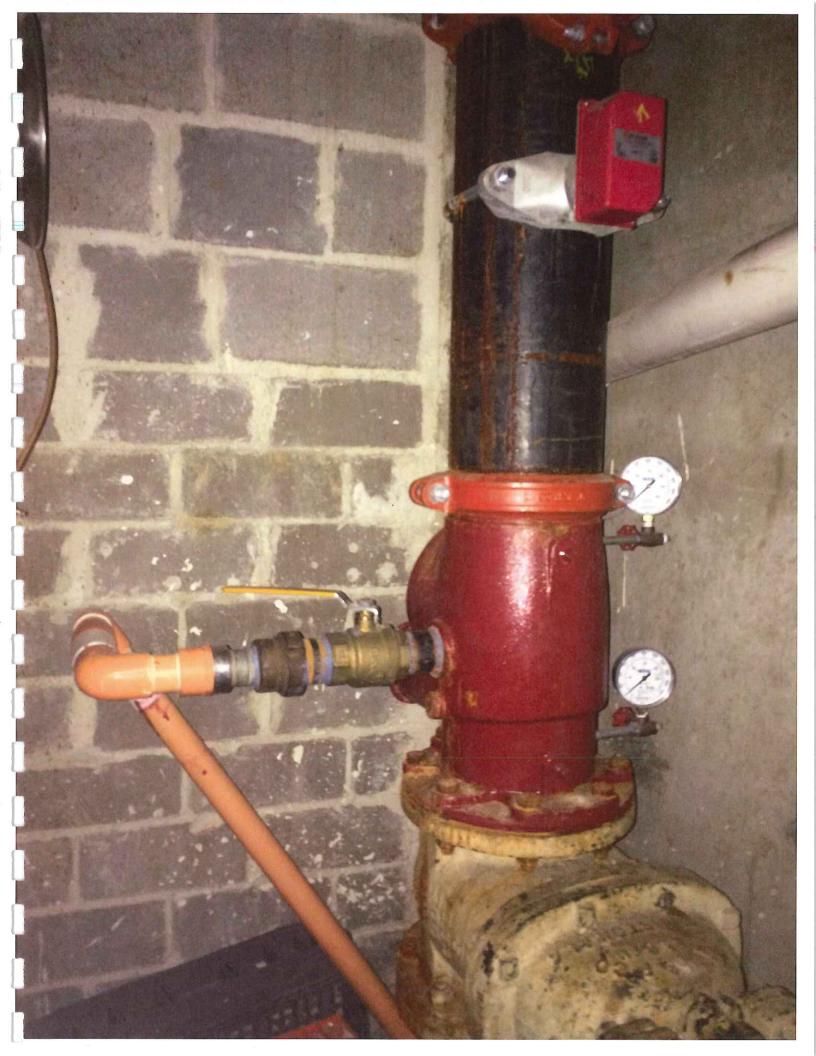








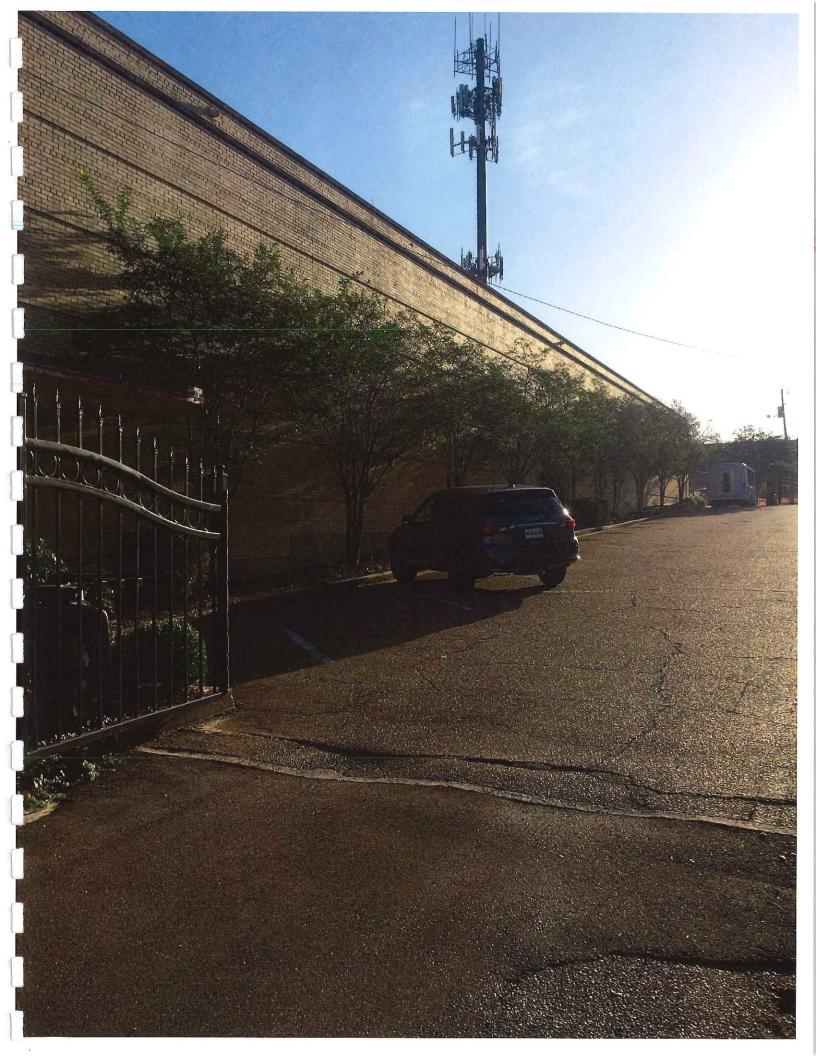


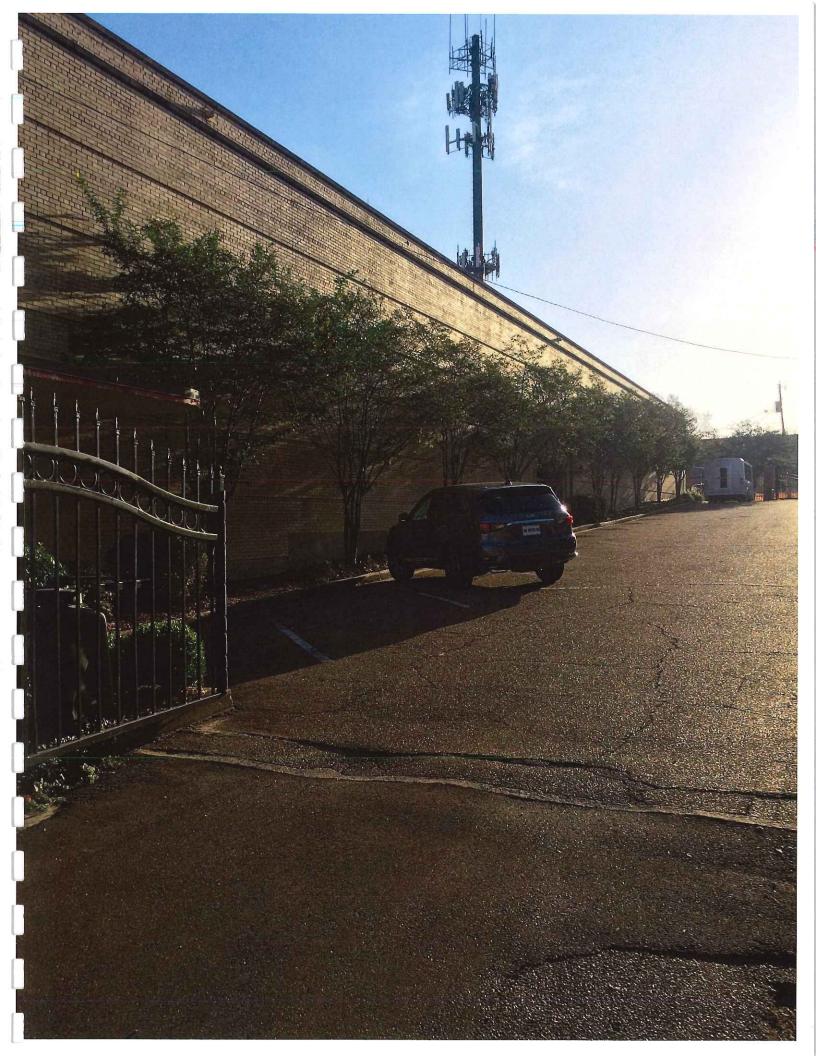


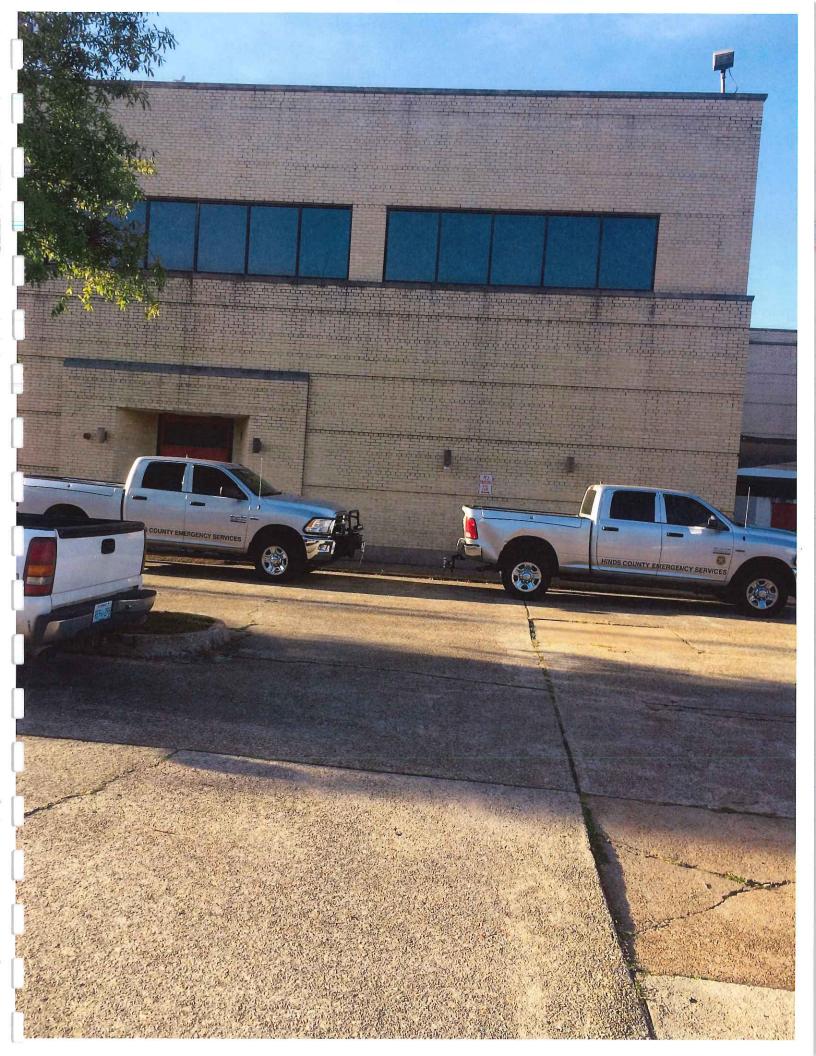


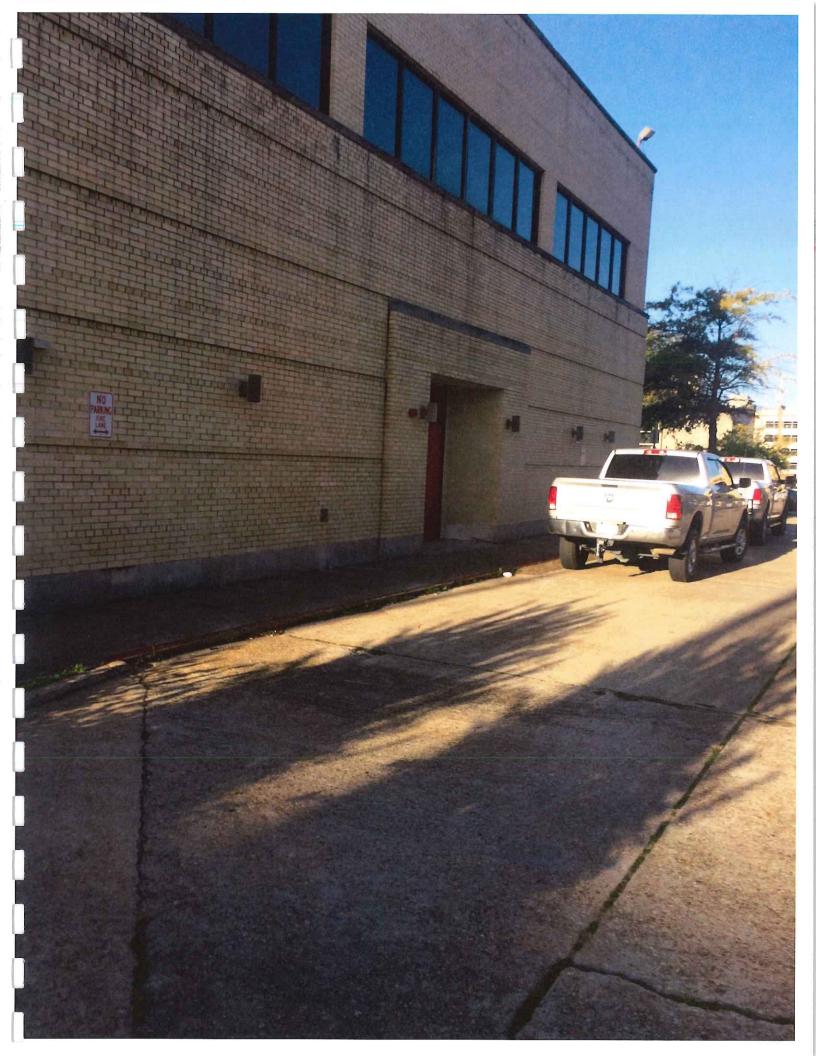


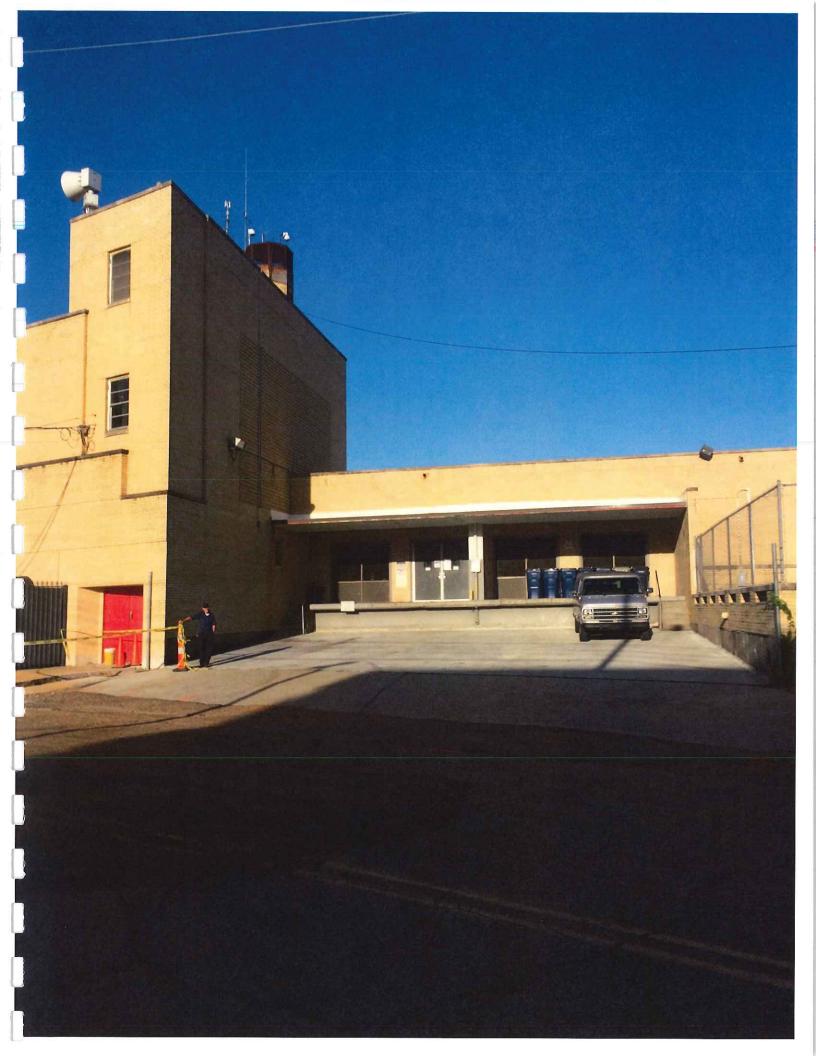


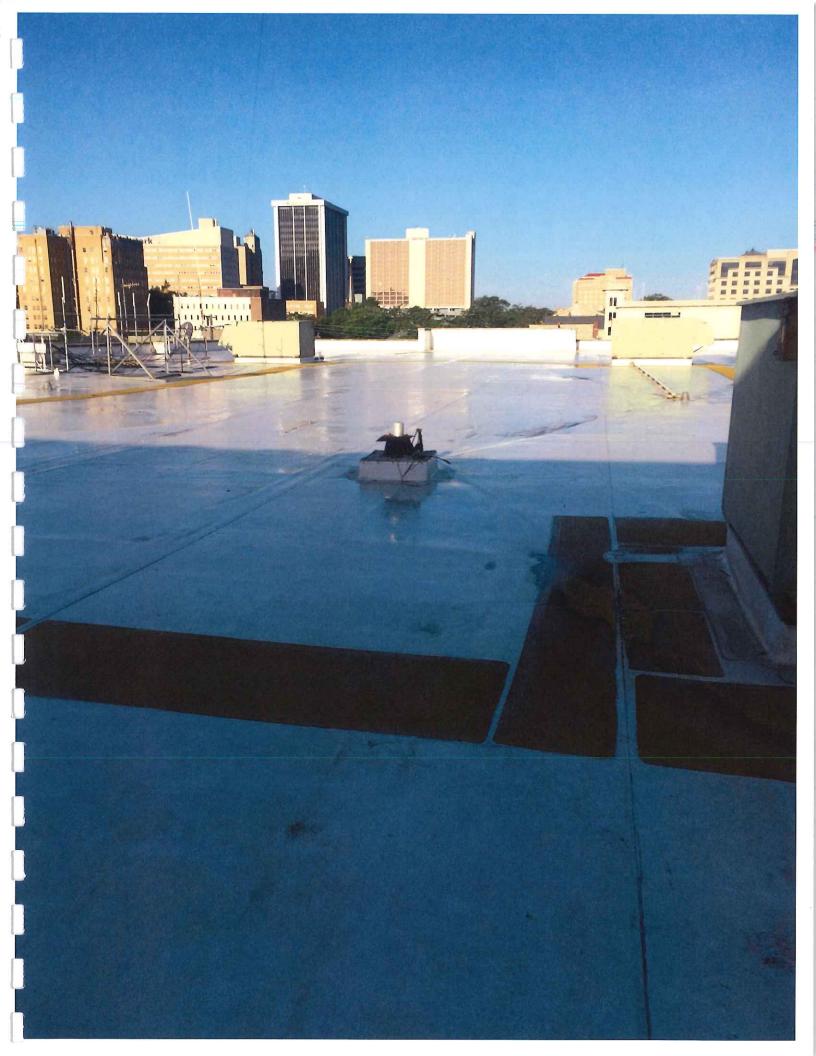




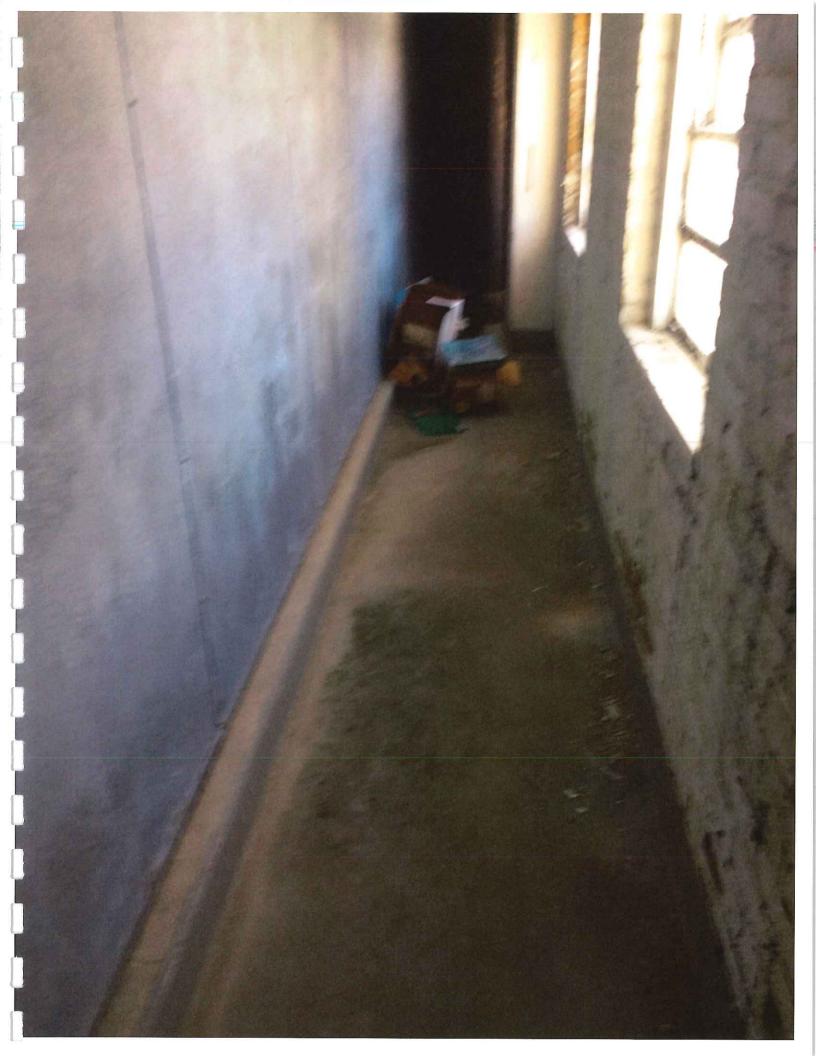


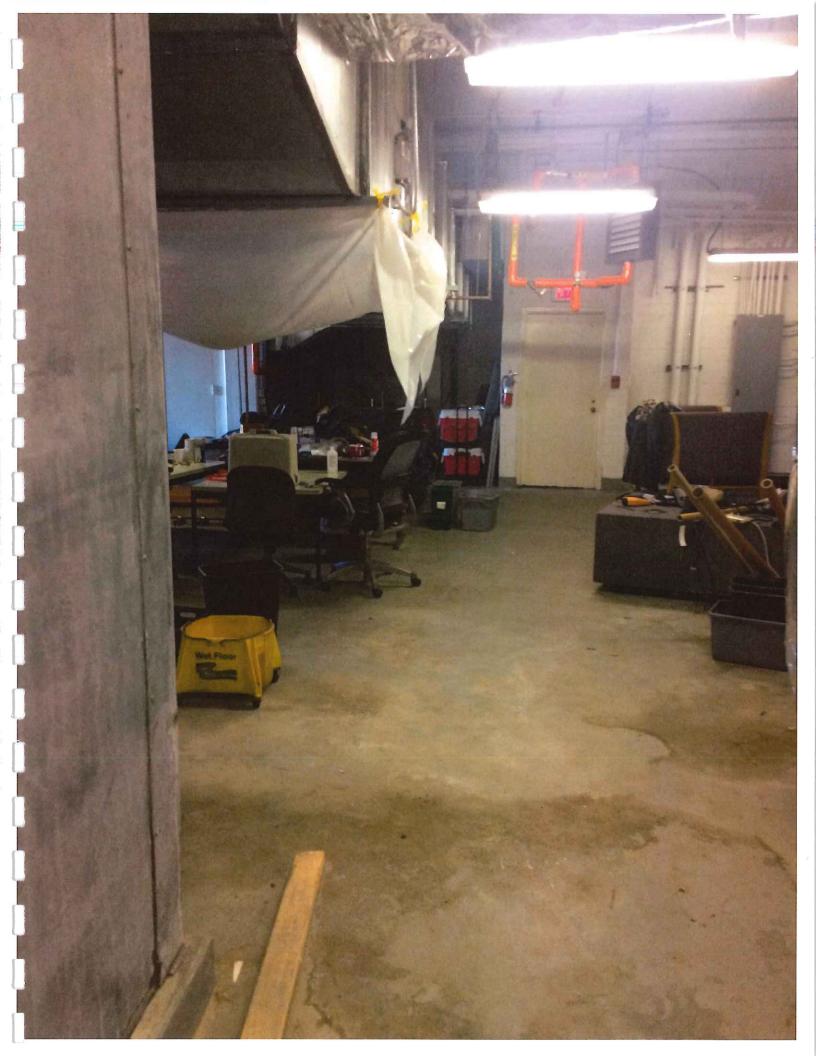


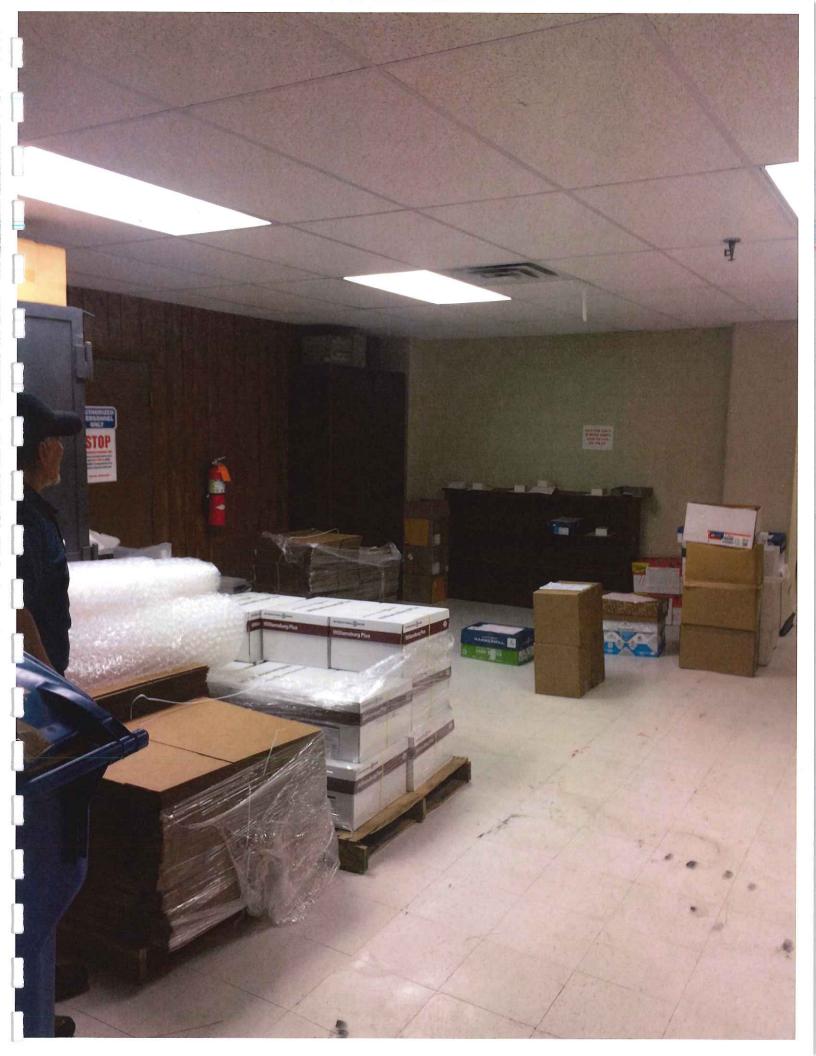






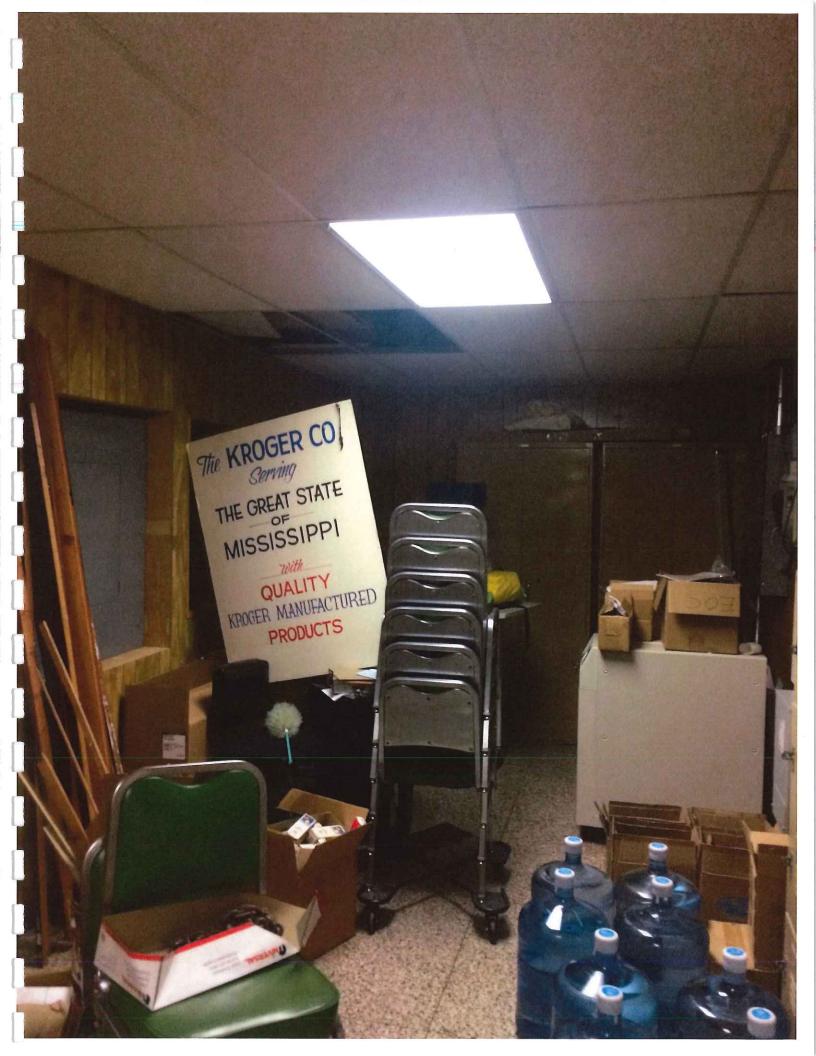






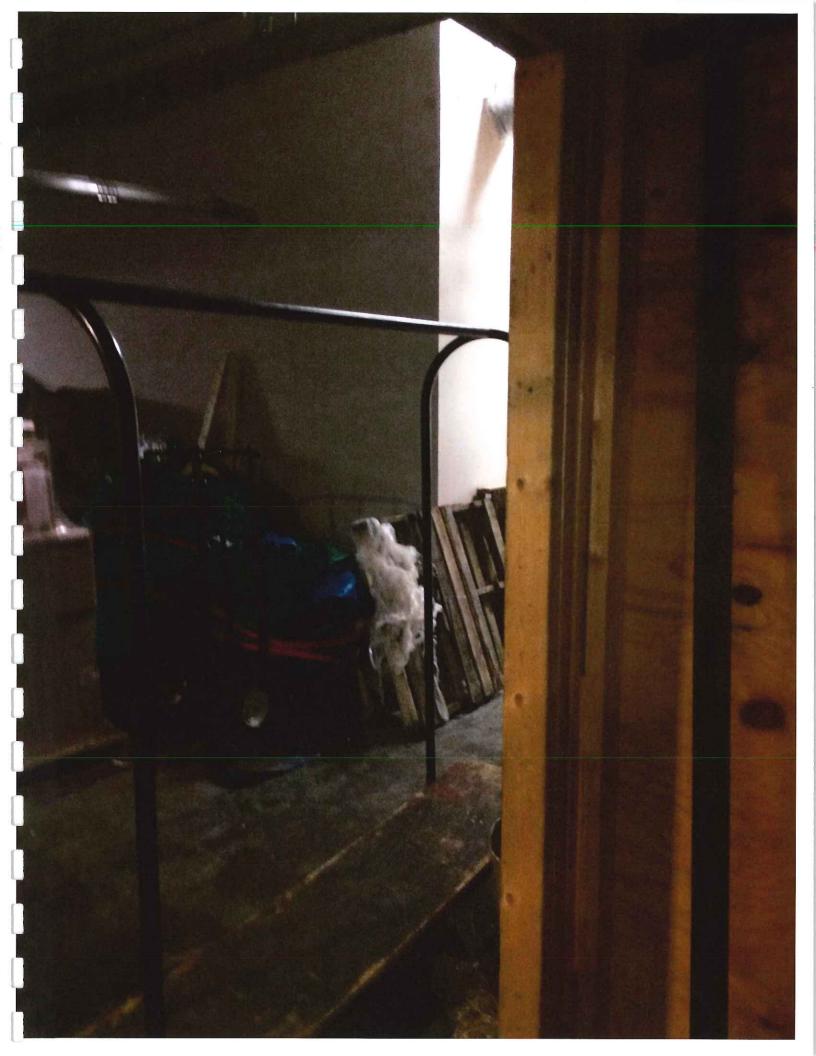


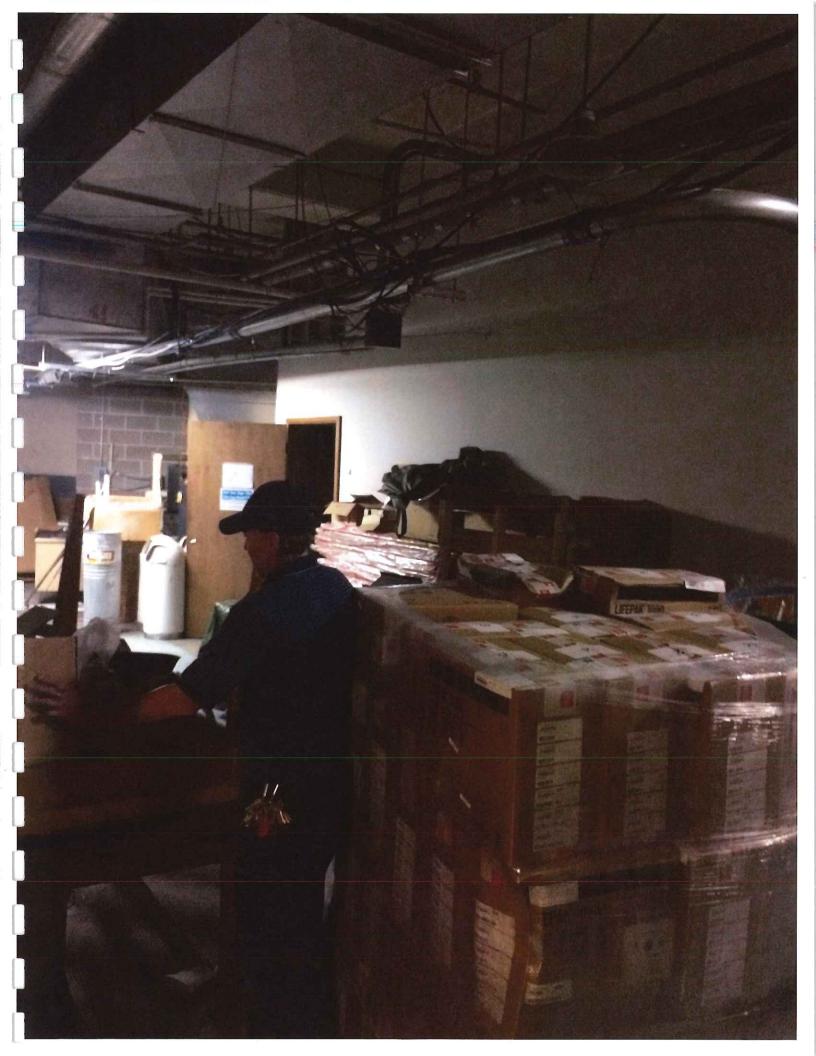


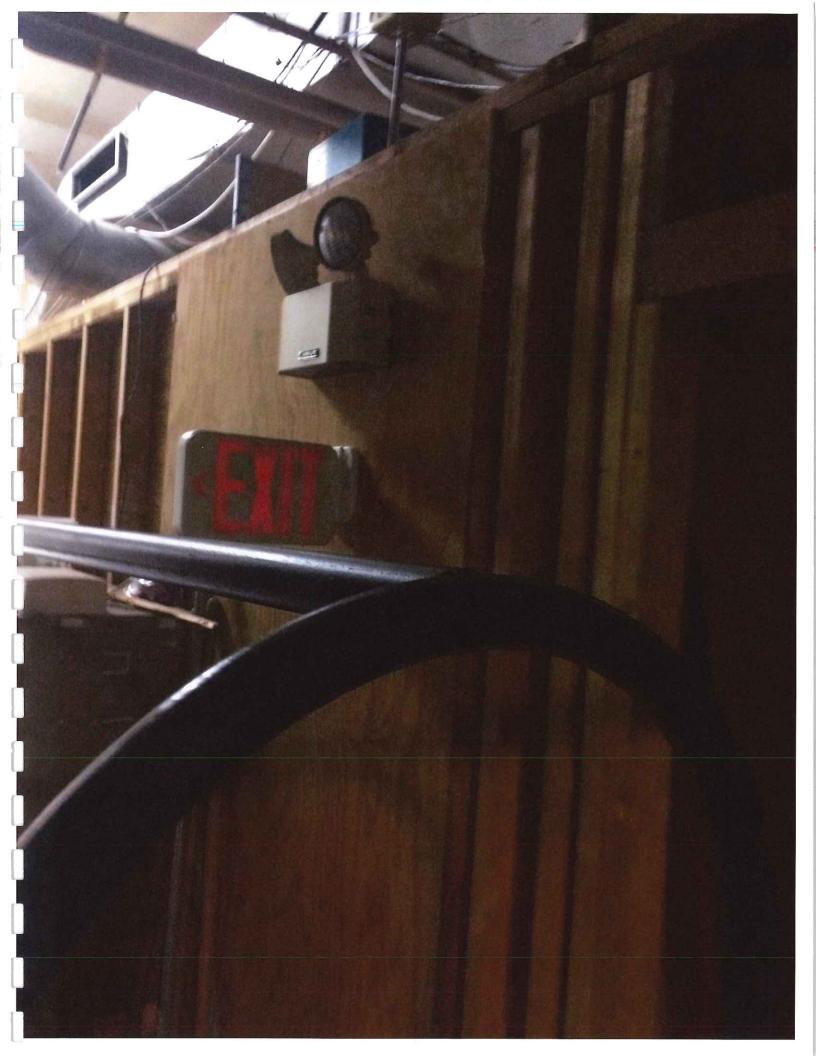


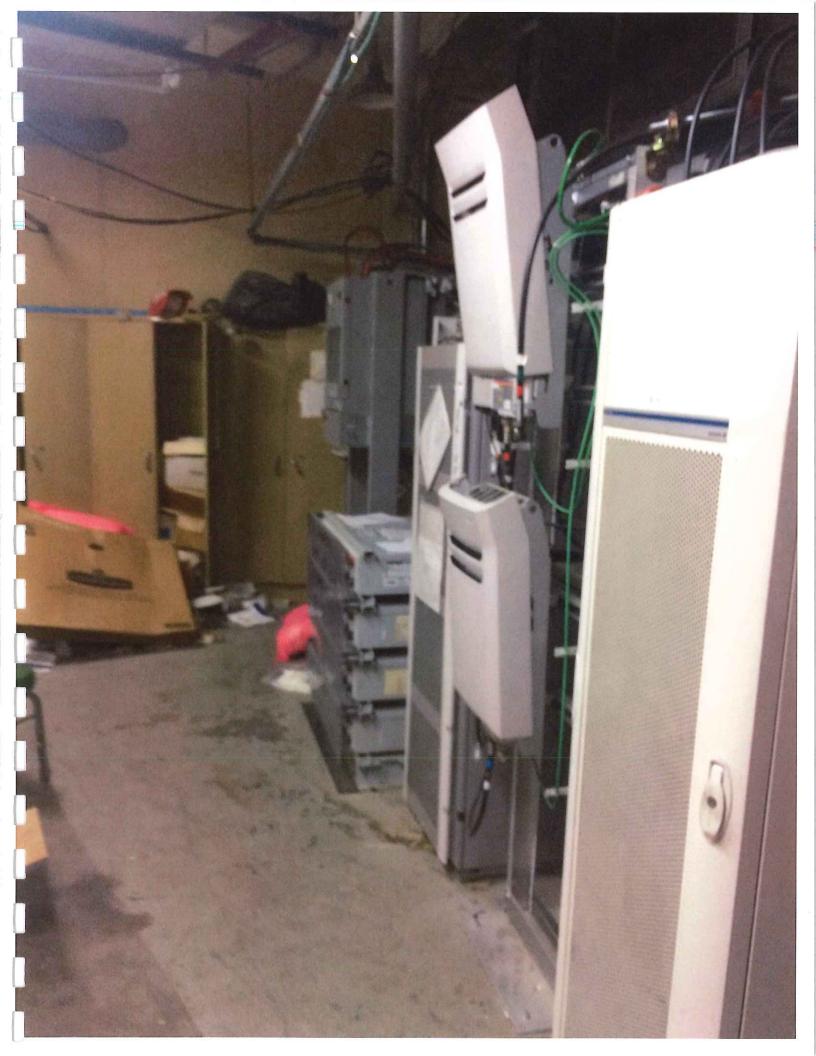


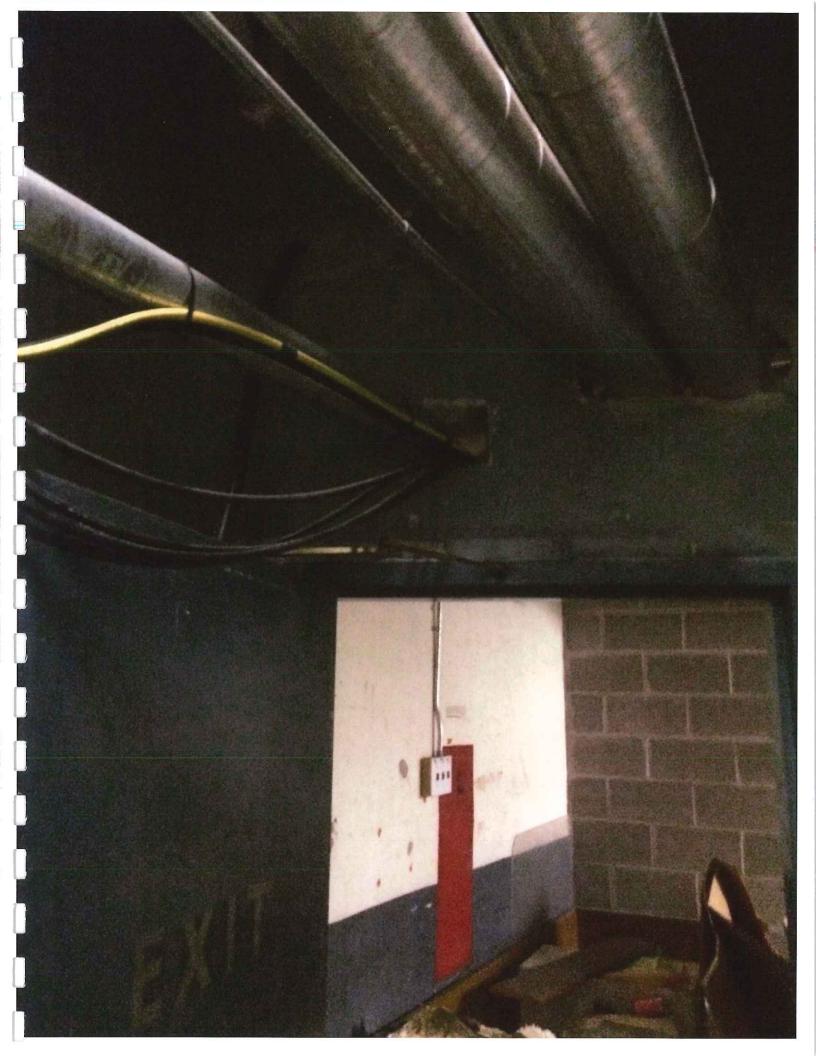


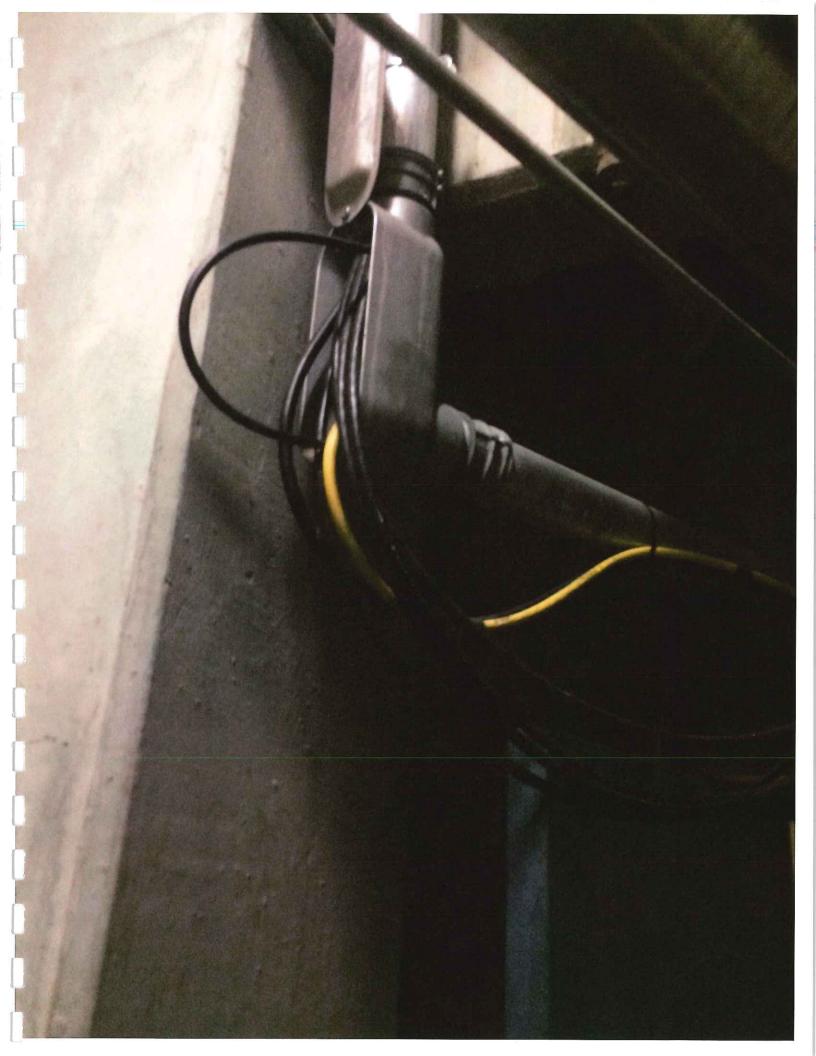




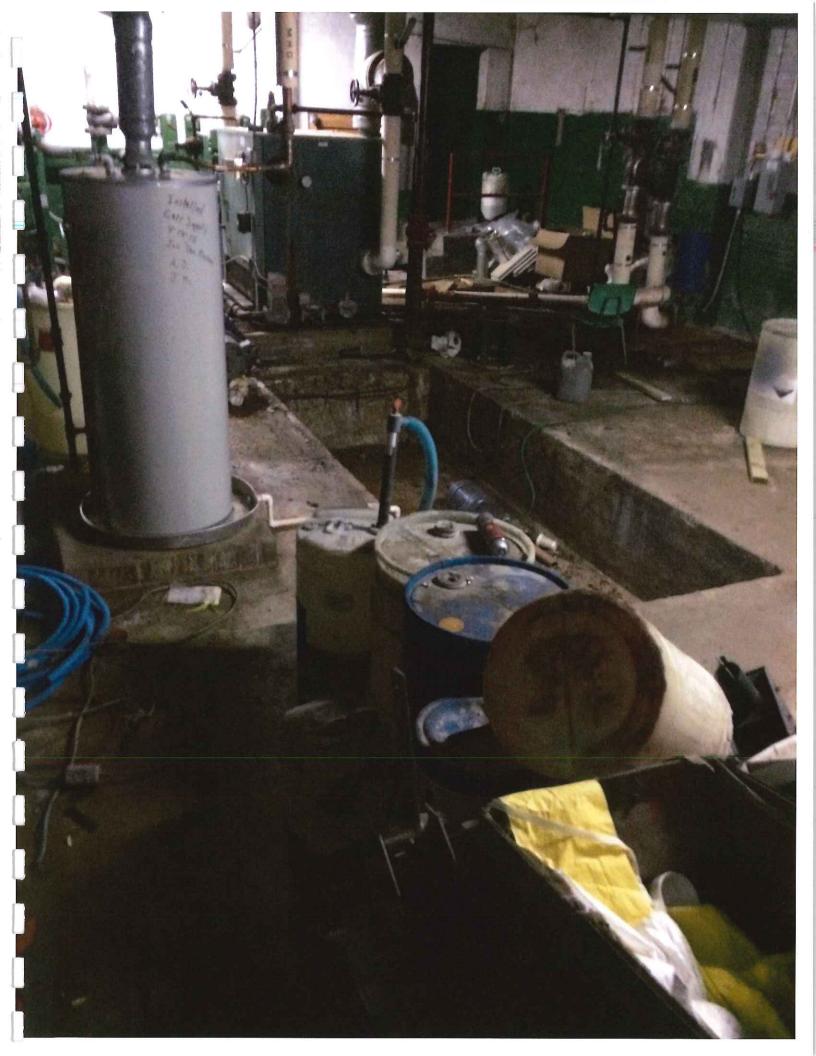


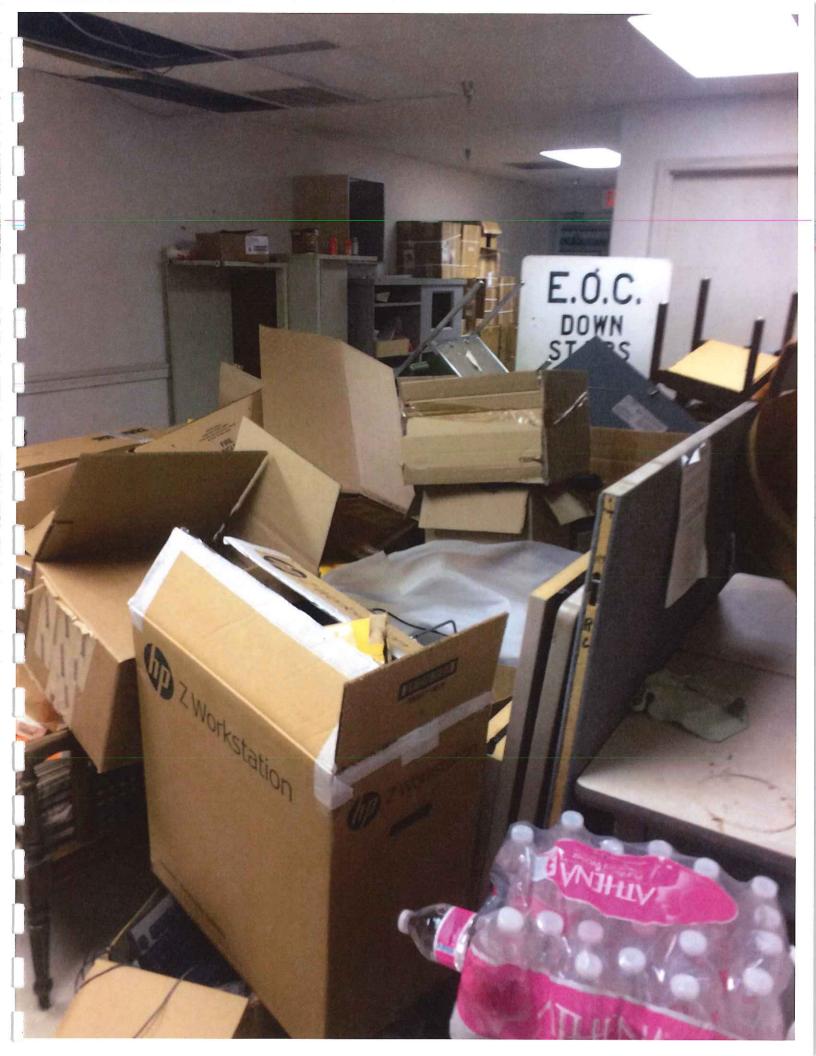


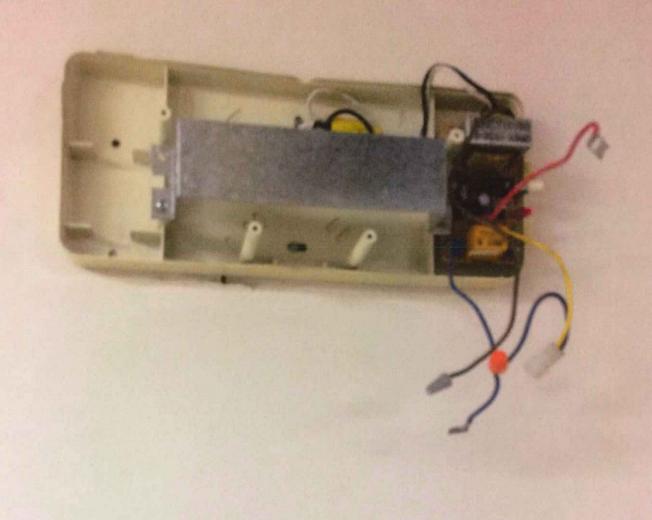


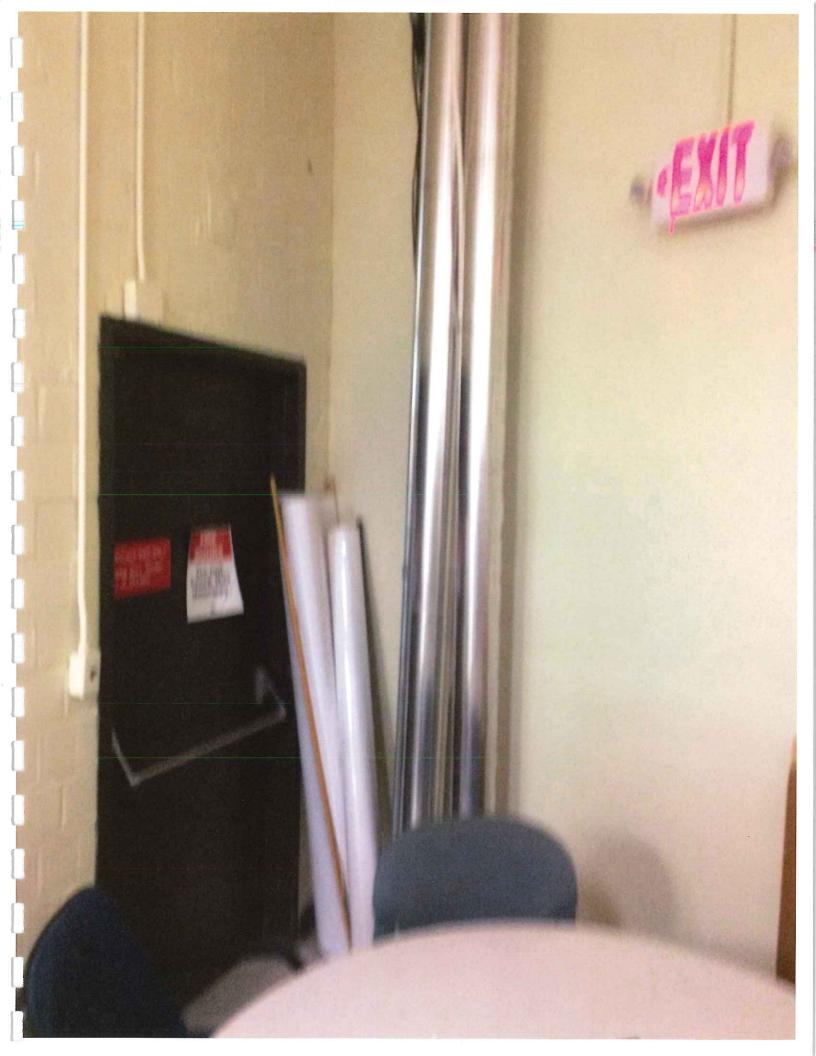




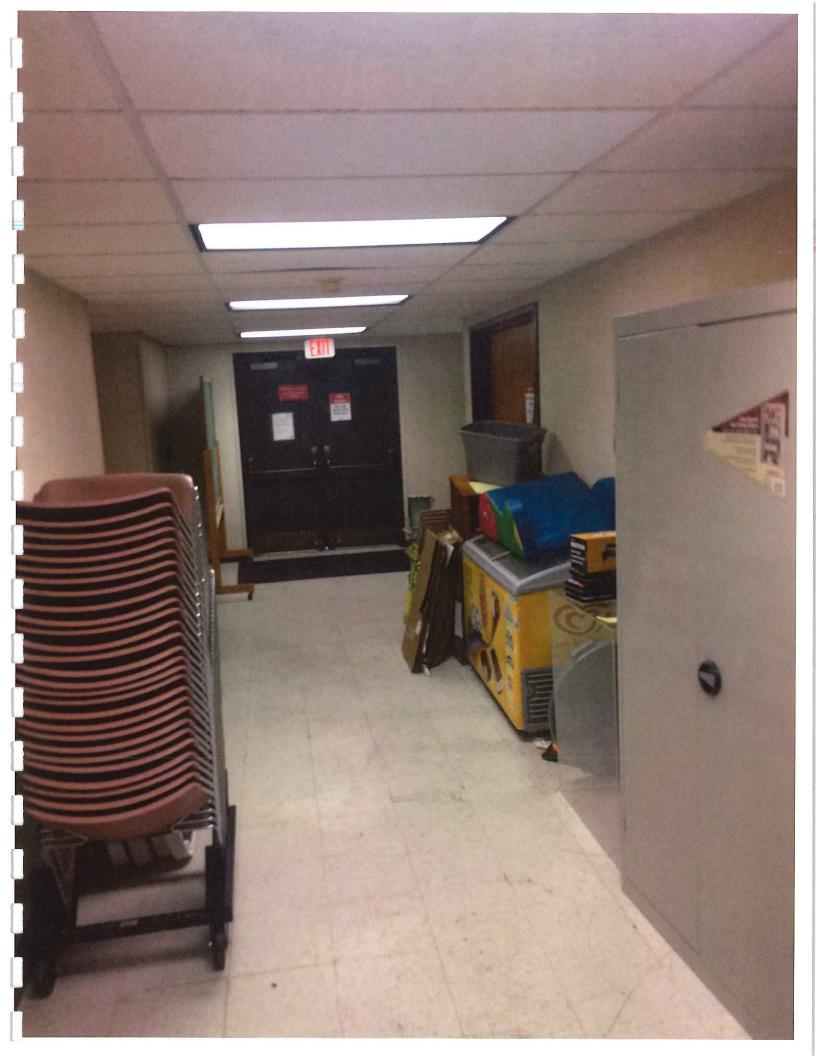


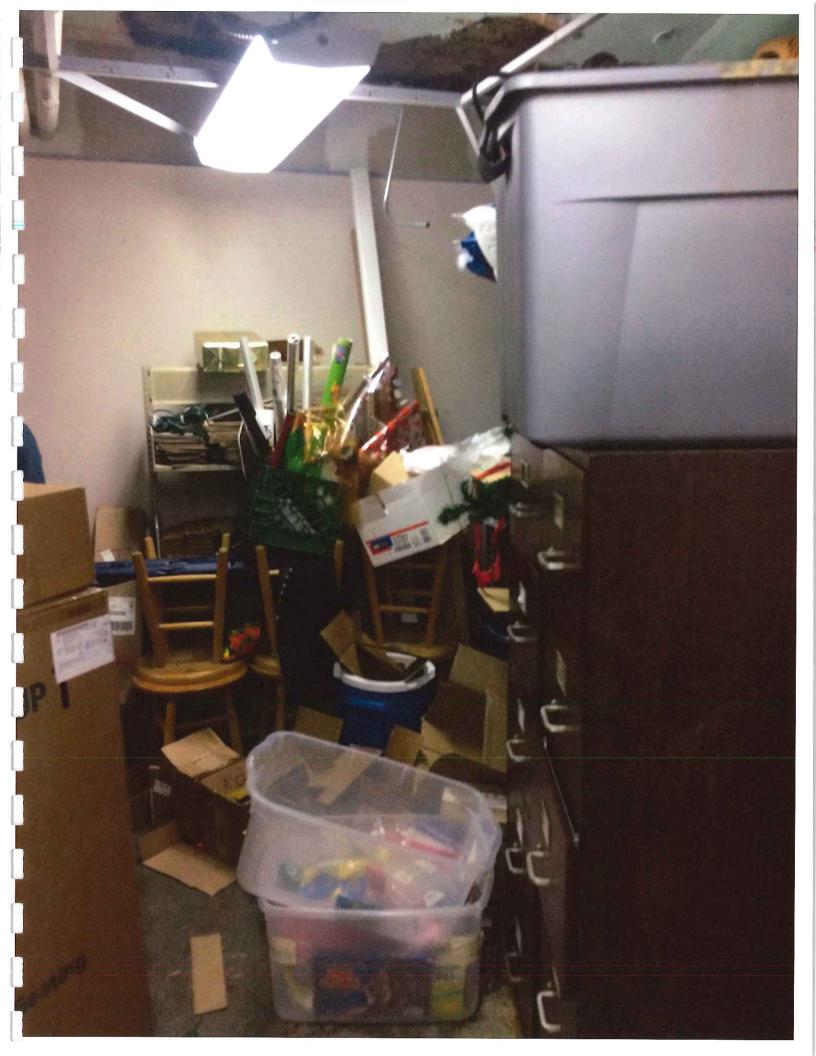


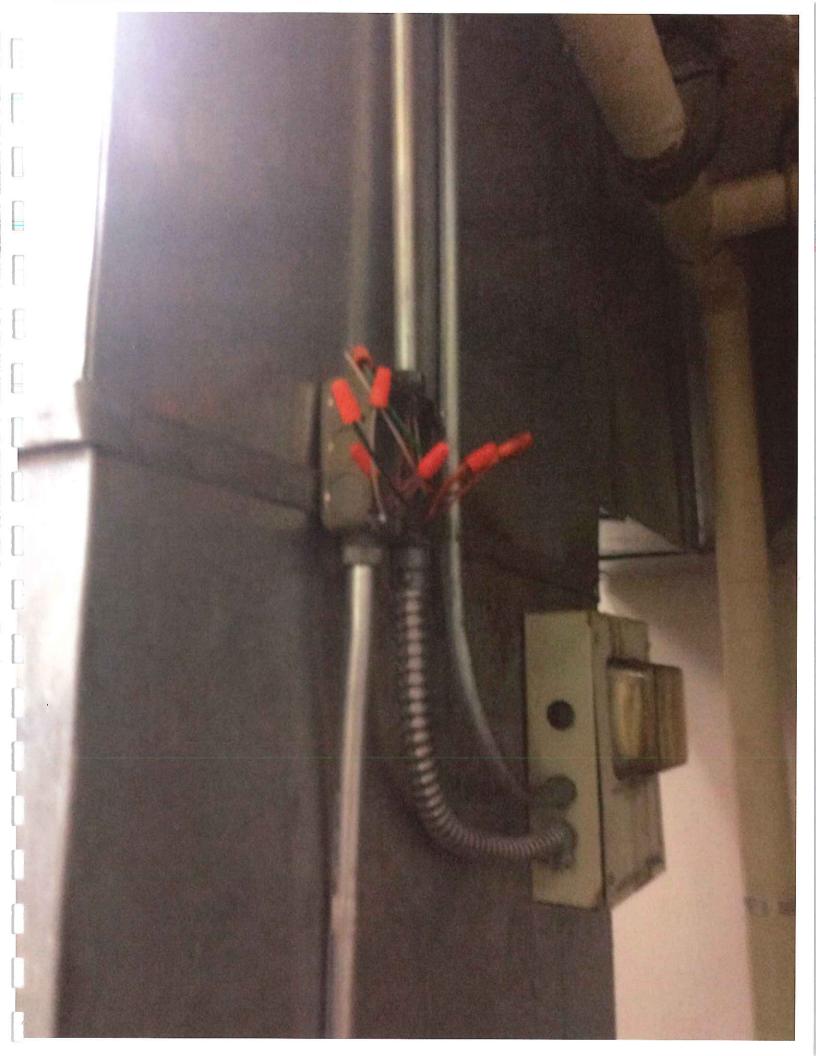


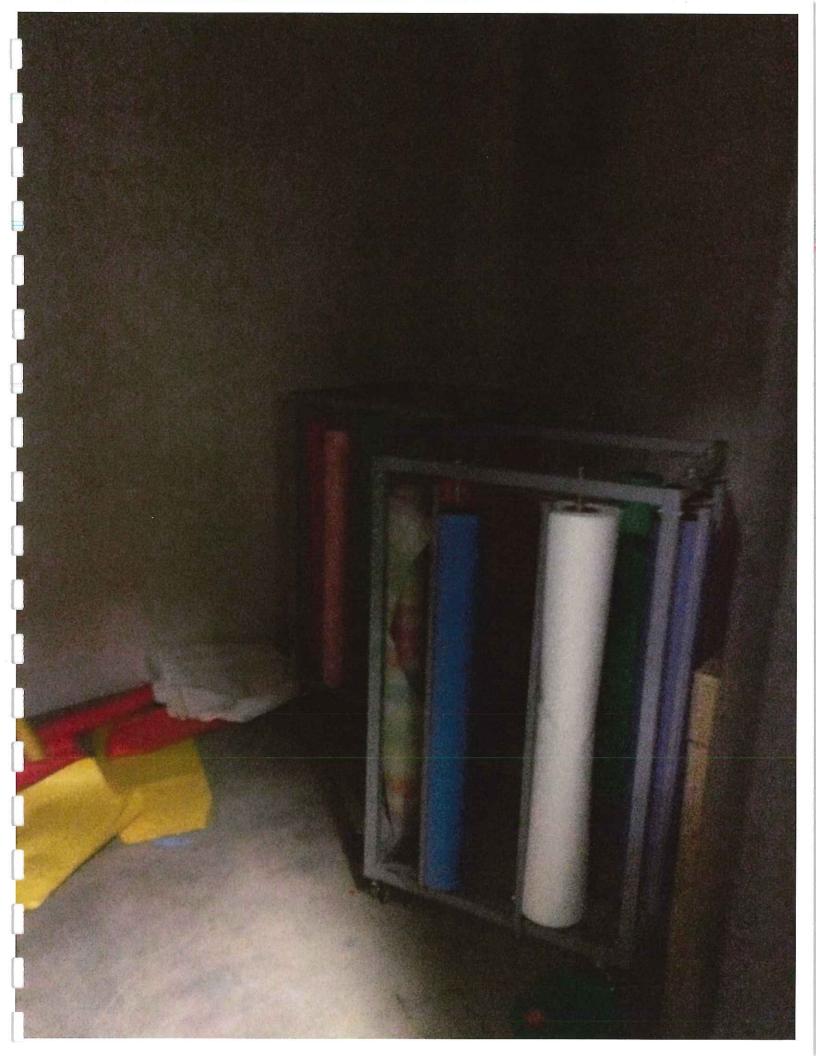


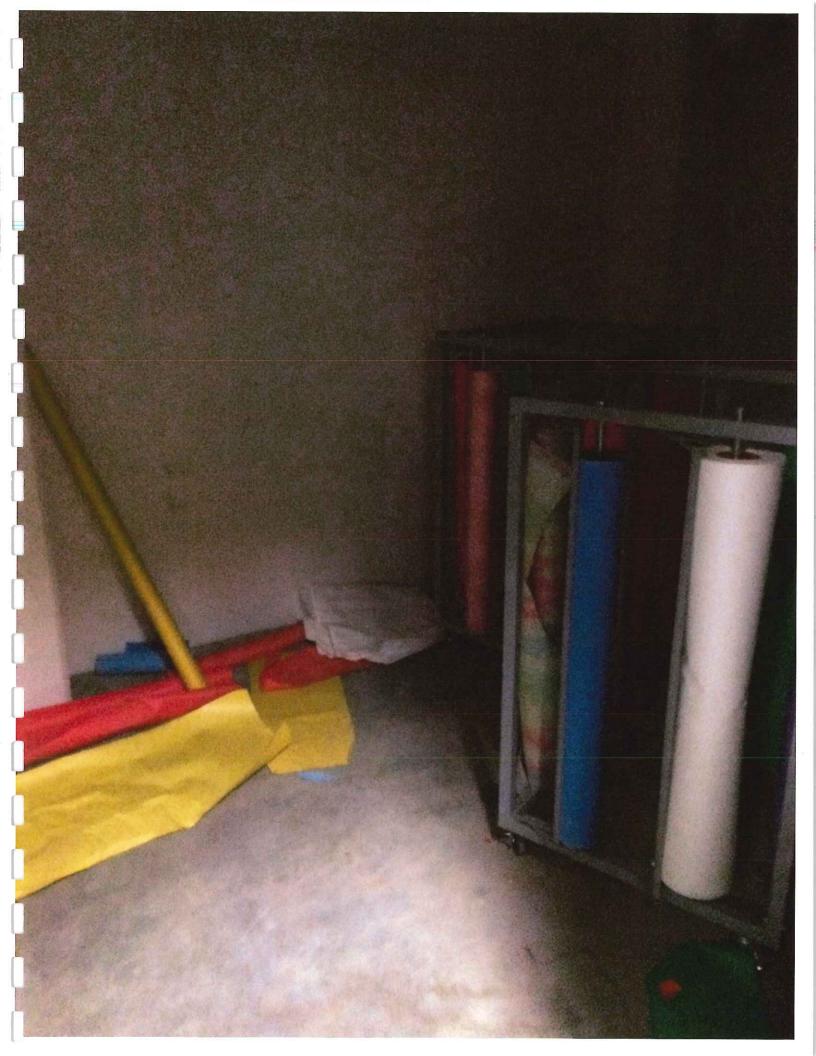




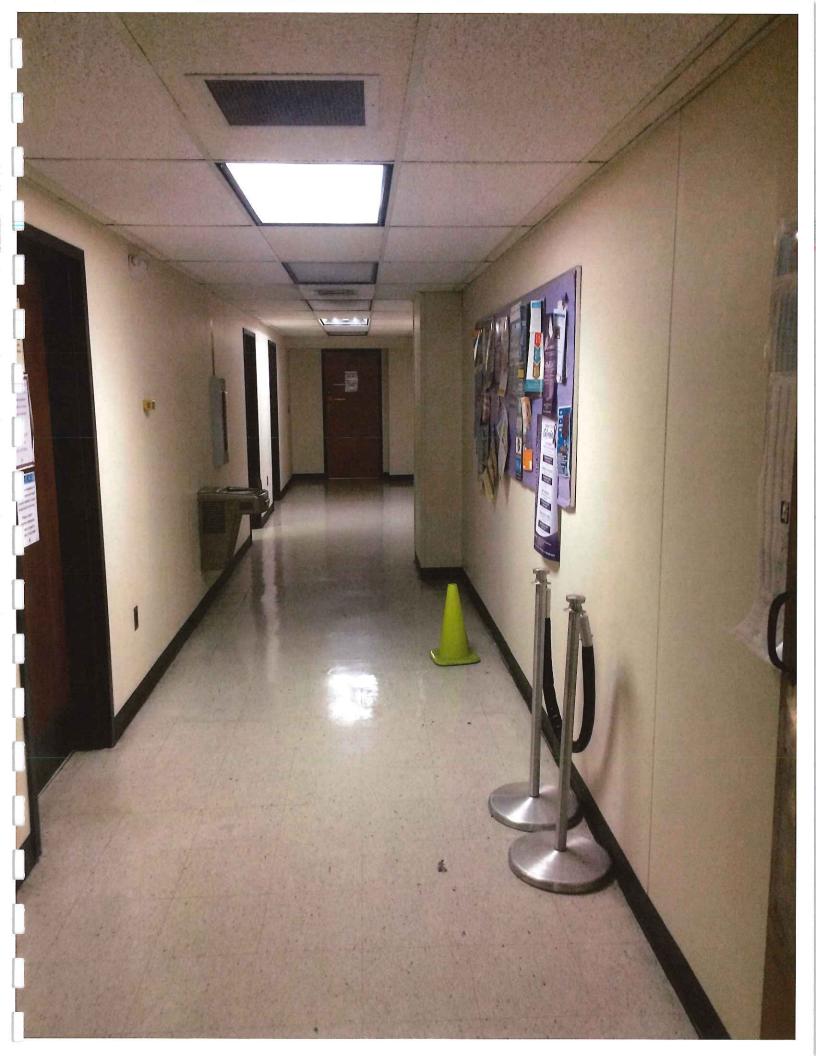




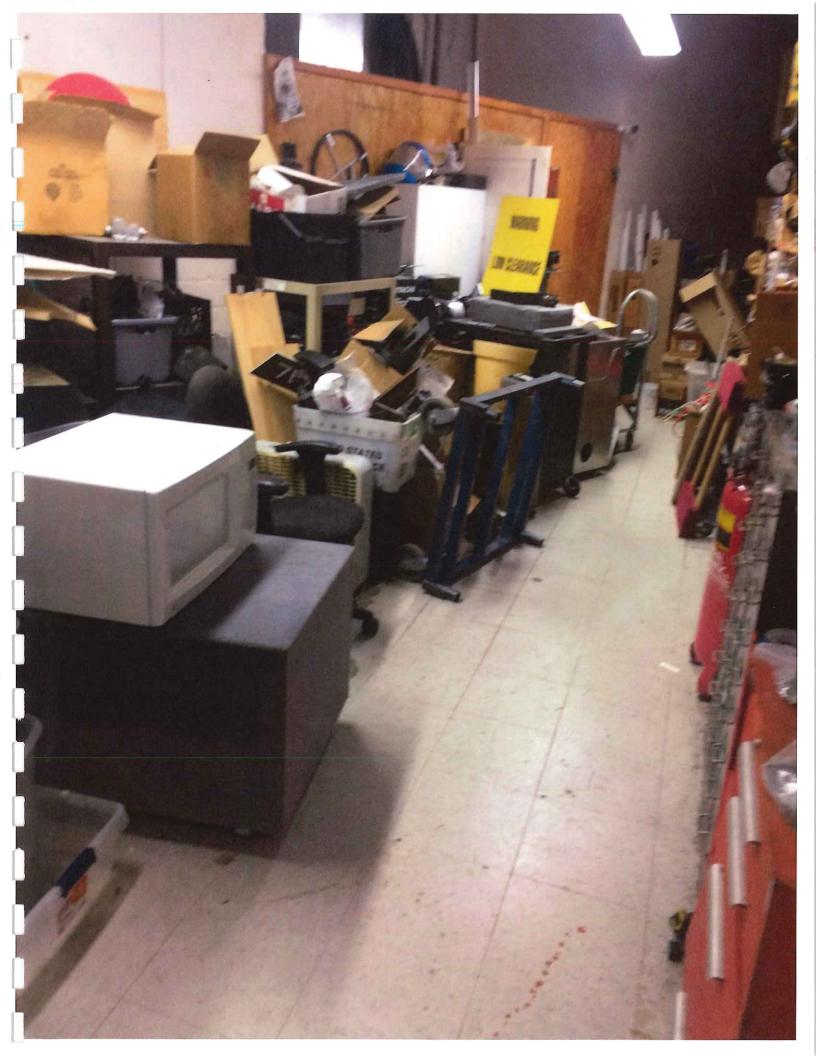


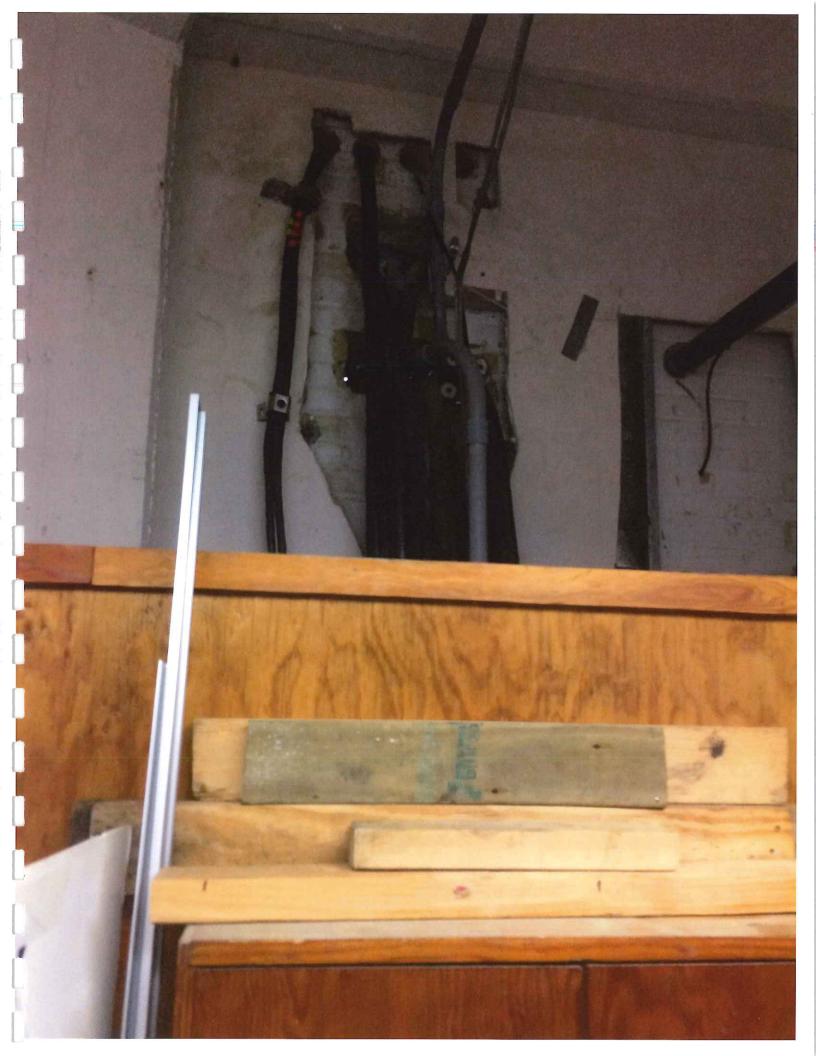


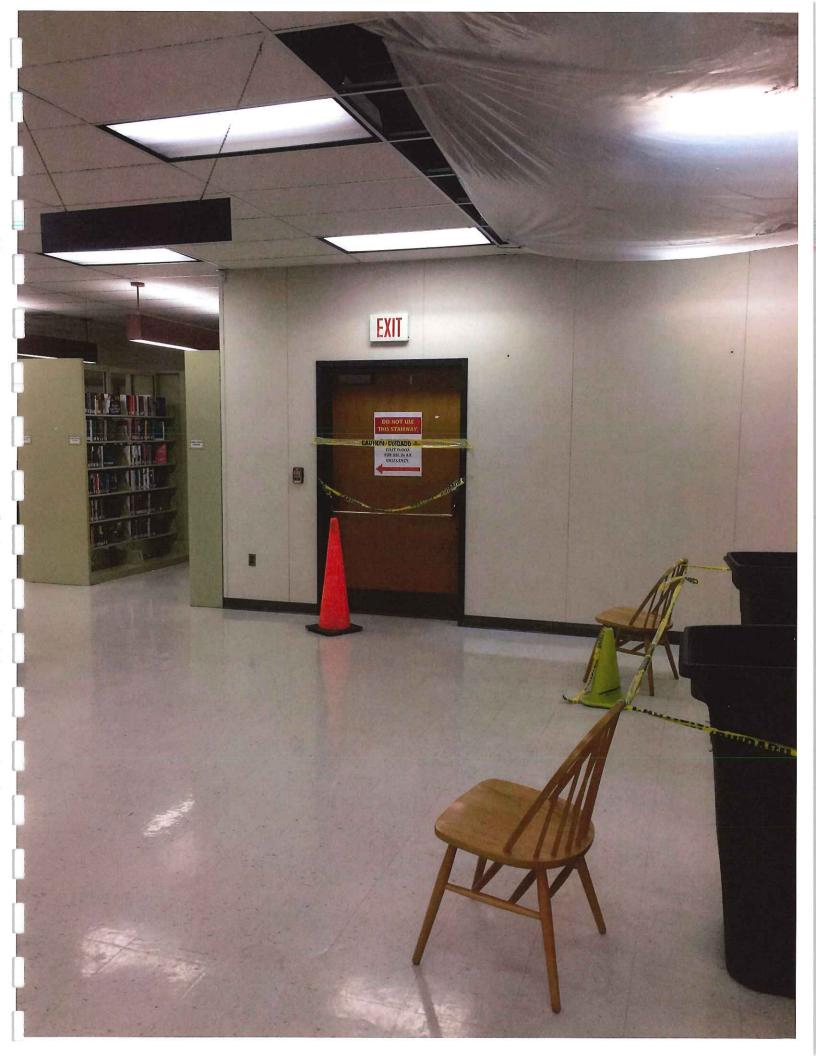


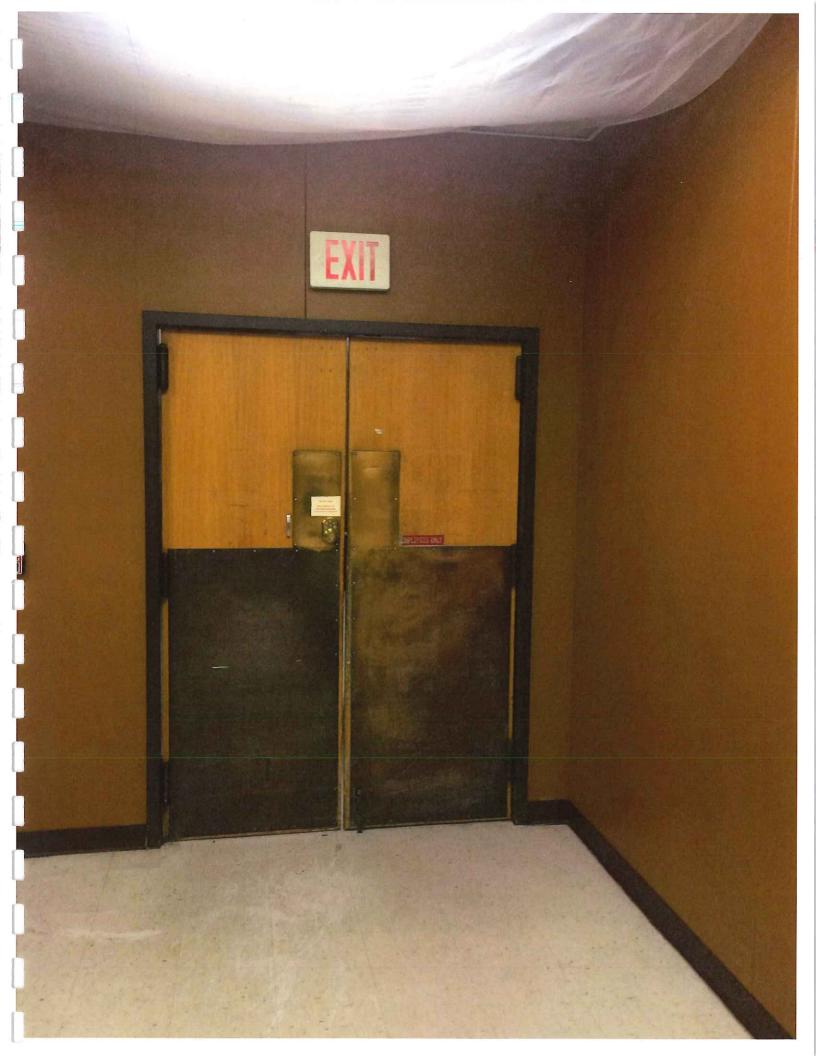
















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April 29, 2017

CHERI BRIDGES
CITY OF JACKSON
BUILDING MAINTENANCE, 658 S. JEFFERSON ST
JACKSON, MS 39205

Reinspection Required

SUBJ: Deficiency with regards to Mississippi Conveyance Safety Act-HB 817

A recent inspection of your Elevator / Dumbwaiter, with MS ID Number, MS000204, with Unit Designation PASSENGER 1, at Eudora Welty Library, located at 300 N State St, JACKSON, MS 39201-1705 on April 18, 2017 by National Elevator Inspection Services, Inc. revealed the violations listed below.

This is an **ORDER TO COMPLY**. Your failure to comply with this notice by correcting violations or contracting to have the violations corrected on or before **(30 days from date of letter)** may make you liable for the penalties provided for by law for such violation(s) under the Mississippi Conveyance Safety Act

[RI]	Deficiencies		
	1.6	Car emergency signal-lighting	Fail
		NO PHONE	
	1.18	Restricted opening of car or hoist-way doors	Fail
Χ		Door restriction required	
	2.1	Access to Machine Space	Fail
		Machine room door is required to be self-locking	
		machine room door is required to be self-closing	
	2.5	Housekeeping	Fail
		Remove non-elevator related materials from machine/control room/space	
	2.7	Fire extinguisher	Fail
		Provide an ABC fire extinguisher in machine room	

	2.11	Disconnecting means & control 110v car light disconnect must be fused and lockable	
	2.14	Code data plate	Fail
Provide a Code Date		Provide a Code Data Plate	
	5.1	Pit access, lighting, stop switch, & condition	Fail
Х		Repair/provide pit ladder	
Χ		Pit stop switch is required to be reachable from the hoistway access point and adjacent to pit ladder	
		Pit light switch is required to be reachable from the access point and adjacent to pit ladder	

If you have corrected all deficiencies, please have your inspection contractor provide documentation of the repair at www.thecomplianceengine.com

Sincerely;
Harry Arun—

Gary Brewer

Chief Elevator Inspector

Mississippi Insurance Department

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Mississippi Insurance Department 501 N West St Jackson, MS 39201





April 29, 2017

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[RI]	Deficiencies		
	1.6	Car emergency signal-lighting	Fail
Χ	ia	Emergency alarm inoperable	
		NO PHONE	
	2.1	Access to Machine Space	Fail
		Machine room door is required to be self-locking	
		machine room door is required to be self-closing	
		Repair machine space access ladder/stair	
	2.3	Lighting & receptacles	Fail
		machine/control room/space illumination is less than 19fc	
		NO GUARD ON LIGHT	
	2.7	Fire extinguisher	Fail
		Provide an ABC fire extinguisher machine room	

2.11	Disconnecting means & control		Fail
	Provide a car light disconnect		Notes (Control of the Control of the
	Label disconnect with use and fed from data		
2.13	Governor, over-speed switch, & seal		Fail
	NEED ANNUAL TEST AND TAG		43
3.1	Top-of-car stop switch		Fail
	COULD NOT ACCESS TOP OF CAR		
4.4	Hoistway door locking devices	Y	Fail
	NO KEY TO UNLOCK LOCKING DEVICE BOXES		
5.1	Pit access, lighting, stop switch, & condition		Fail
	COULD NOT ACCESS PIT		

If you have corrected all deficiencies, please have your inspection contractor provide documentation of the repair at www.thecomplianceengine.com

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