

Animal Facility Renovation and RBL
Construction Update 3
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For the past few months, we have been anticipating and preparing for interior demolition work in the biocontainment area of the Nash Annex animal facility basement as part of the Regional Biocontainment Laboratory (RBL) project. Although the general contractor experienced an unanticipated delayed in initiating this phase of the project, the work will begin the week of January 28. Beginning on Monday January 28, temporary partitions will be installed in the west end of the Nash basement corridor to help isolate the construction site, and to help abate noise and dirt. The actual demolition work in the containment area will begin immediately afterward. The demolition work that as already started involved the Nash/Crowe/Mooney loading dock and has not involved any work inside the Nash Annex animal facility.

This phase of the project will include demolition and renovation of the containment area in the basement of Nash. The area is located in the northwest corner of the basement, adjacent to the soiled cage wash room. Interior walls will be demolished and the area will be renovated to become the primary animal service entrance to the RBL. This work will also include a breakthrough from the RBL into the Nash Annex. According to the contractor, the demolition should be complete within 30 – 45 days of the start date and all of the Nash Annex remodeling is expected to be complete within 90 days. Please be aware, however, that the construction schedule is not exact and could involve delays or changes that are not anticipated. During this demolition there will be unavoidable noise and vibration that will likely affect the first floor (Open Barrier) of the Nash Annex animal facility as that area is immediately above the construction site. We are working closely with the contractor to minimize the actual demolition time, disruption, and service interruptions.

As progress is made and major construction events are scheduled, I will make every effort to keep Nash animal facilities users informed. If you have special requests or need additional information, please contact the LACU supervisory or veterinary staff.

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