

TO: Eastview Campus Faculty and Staff

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RE: EVC Permanent Air Monitoring System

I am pleased to announce that we have completed the installation of a permanent air monitoring system in buildings 8000, 8500 and 9000 at the Eastview Campus. This automated system was professionally installed as a precautionary measure to monitor the indoor air quality of these buildings.

As described in past memos, subsurface testing conducted by ACC's environmental consultant has documented the presence of methane gas in certain relatively small and isolated areas of the campus. The methane gas is likely associated with underlying fill materials that were apparently buried on the property prior to ACC's ownership. While the overall extent of methane gas appears to be very limited, the environmental consultants have concluded that some of the methane gas areas do underlie a portion of Building 9000, and possibly portions of Buildings 8000 and 8500. While testing inside these buildings continues to demonstrate that methane gas is not entering the buildings, the College installed a permanent, automatic air monitoring system inside each of these buildings to ensure the safety of all building occupants.

In the event gas is detected inside the facilities, the air monitoring alarms will alert ACC Dispatch. Dispatch will then contact EVC Campus Police and the Austin Fire Department (AFD). Building occupants will be asked to evacuate the building and will use the same evacuation procedures as would be used in a fire emergency. AFD will then determine when the buildings are safe for re-entry.

For more information on emergency evacuations please refer to the emergency procedures link on the ACC Environmental Health, Safety and Insurance website at www.austincc.edu/ehs/.