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

I am pleased to inform you that the mold abatement project at Menlo Park is now complete. All possible measures were taken to ensure that an exceptionally thorough job was accomplished, and that our home's air quality remained very high for residents, staff, visitors and all who enter the home. Air sample results continue to exceed the quality of outdoor air samples.

In addition to its pre-abatement project sampling, Environmental Design Inc. (EDI) conducted inspections and air sampling throughout the facility. According to EDI, a total of 174 final clearance air samples were collected from June 2023 through March 2024. This total includes inside work areas, outside work areas, and outdoor samples.

Multiple plumbing repairs were also made throughout our Menlo Park home. Consistent with industry standards, water-resistant drywall was installed in the bathrooms. Additionally, our staff has been trained to use cleaning techniques that reduce the chances of excess moisture to prevent any future moisture concerns. In addition to the many inspections that have occurred throughout this project, we have enhanced the routine inspection process that is part of our facility maintenance operations.

I would like to thank our residents and staff for their patience as we worked through the various renovations, painting and fixture work this past year.

As always, we welcome your feedback and insights. Please contact me at <u>lisa.kranis@dmava.nj.gov</u> 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.

We look forward to sharing a wonderful springtime with you!

Regards,

Lisa Kranis, LNHA, MPA, CDP

Chief Executive Officer