

On Apr 6, 2010, at 3:03 PM, Pinkney, Dwayne L wrote:

Friends and neighbors:

We have told you that our planned expansion at the Bingham Facility is dependent on receiving a grant from the National Institutes of Health. We recently received word from NIH that they are awarding us a grant for \$14.5 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding to add 30,000 square feet of new buildings at the Bingham Facility. In addition, the University will fund and construct a building to house veterinary services, laboratories and offices. Repairs and modifications to (or the replacement of) the wastewater treatment systems on site will also be part of the expansion.

Planning for the new construction will be completed in the summer or fall of 2011, and construction will be completed in mid-2013. Before breaking ground, architectural and engineering design will be reviewed by the University, state construction and environment officials and the NIH, and an amended site plan will be submitted to the Orange County Planning Office.

We are very pleased to receive this vote of confidence from the federal government for the important research in hemophilia, muscular dystrophy and cardiovascular disease that the Bingham Facility supports. The expansion will enable the University to consolidate research operations in a central facility. In addition to the dog colonies already housed there, Bingham would also become the new home of the Francis Owen Blood Research Laboratory and its colonies of dogs and swine and another colony of dogs used to study muscular dystrophy. The veterinary lab building would allow us to provide veterinary services on-site, thus greatly reducing the need to bring the animals to campus for care.

As we begin the expansion, we will continue to update you on any issues related to the construction that will affect you as neighbors of the facility, and we will continue our town hall-style meetings. We want to expand the Bingham Facility with as little disruption to its neighbors as possible. We are confident we can make this expanded facility one that we can all be proud of.

Sincerely,

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