



IOWA VETERANS HOME

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Dear Ms. Newton:

On Saturday, December 26, 2020, the Iowa Veterans Home sustained major damage to a portion of the Fox Building. A sprinkler line located in the ceiling of a resident room broke and flooded the Household 3 wing of the Fox Building. The entire floor of this 15-bed unit was covered in one inch of standing water. The broken pipe caused the ceiling to collapse in the immediate area. Due to extensive water damage, walls, flooring, and furniture were replaced. Professional restoration services were obtained to mitigate the risk of mold growth in the area. All residents were safely evacuated to the Ulery Building. The Auditor's Office was notified on December 27, 2020. The Department of Administrative Services, Design and Construction Resources Bureau, was responsible for oversight of the repair project, which is now complete. We are requesting reimbursement in the amount of \$574,891.60, which will be transferred back to the State's Major Maintenance Fund. We are attaching photos for your awareness of the significance of the damage.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (641) 844-6358.

Sincerely,

Karen Connell
Operations Division Administrator

Attachment

Cc: Tammy Hollingsworth, Office of the State Auditor