Gunfighters,

Several weeks ago I notified you of a potential exposure risk due to the discovery of rubble and fragments containing asbestos material in an area across from family housing. Upon discovery, the Aerospace Medicine Squadron's Bioenvironmental Flight gathered air samples for evaluation. The test results are back, and I am providing you with this update on the outcome and latest action we are taking in this area.

Air sampling results showed no traces of asbestos, confirming our initial belief that the current risk of exposure is low. Samples were taken in the air, as well as from personnel who had been working in the area.

Even though the test results indicate no traces of airborne asbestos fibers circulating in the area, I ask individuals and families to continue to stay out of these 63-acres, which stretch from Ransom Loop to Falcon Street and border Perimeter Road. Please also refrain from using the running path until the barrier fencing is installed and notification is sent opening the path.

Signs to discourage people from entering this area will remain posted, and 10,000 feet of barrier fencing will be installed. The fencing project will begin soon and is estimated be completed by mid-September.

During the fence installation, bioenvironmental personnel will continue to test air samples, ensuring this continues to be a safe area for base residents.

The Air Force Civil Engineer Center (AFCEC) is taking the lead for investigating the extent of asbestos and arranging for any remediation actions within the soon-to-be fenced area. This process is expected to take up to three years.

Thank you for your patience and assistance as we work to safeguard this space. As test results become available, I will notify you of any changes and update you as we take further steps.

The safety and well-being of Gunfighters and their families remains one of my top priorities.

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