

**Selected Safety Violations
Found in the Interior Headquarters Complex
Main Interior Building (MIB) and South Interior Building (SIB)**

Fire Safety:

“The Interior Complex has fire-resistant walls with unprotected openings, reducing their fire resistant performance.” Page 49

“Three newly purchased...space heaters are not equipped with an automatic shut-off device to prevent it from becoming overheated when tipped over.” Page 63

“Exit signs throughout the MIB and SIB are either not functioning properly, are not adequate, or are missing.” Page 71

“The fire protection sprinkler system has not been tested, inspected, and maintained at recommended frequencies...Records were not available during the audit to determine which specific tests have been conducted.” Page 75

“Fire extinguishers located throughout the MIB and SIB are missing annual and/or monthly inspection tags, are past due for inspection, are not consistently mounted and signed, and are not appropriate for the relevant fire hazard.” Page 77

Electrical:

“Exposed energized electrical equipment is present throughout the Interior Complex...The exposed wiring creates electrical shock, arc flash and fire hazards.” Pages 57-58

“Electrical receptacles in wet locations throughout the SIB and MIB are not equipped with ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) or the circuits are not functional.” Page 55

“Damaged electrical equipment is located throughout the MIB and SIB. According to DOI personnel the equipment is damaged beyond the point of repair and will be excessed.” Page 56

Hazardous Materials and Occupational Health:

“Department personnel enter confined spaces that have not been evaluated for hazards, and warning signs are not posted on all confined spaces.” Page 80

“Incompatible materials are stored with flammable liquids at assessed facilities.” Page 86

“Flammable and combustible liquids are dispensed from, stored in, or transported in containers that are not OSHA- or DOT-approved for these purpose at the MIB.” Page 87

“Flammable and combustible liquids are stored outside flammable storage cabinets.” Page 90

“Flammable and combustible liquids are stored in open containers.” Page 95

“Friable asbestos-containing materials (ACM) are located throughout the Interior Complex.” Page 128

Unsafe Machinery and Workspaces:

“The band saw, joiner, portable table saw, and radial arm saw [in MIB Alterations Shop] are not equipped with manual restart switches.” Page 98

“Elevated working surfaces are not equipped with proper railings.” Page 134

“A fall protection program has not been instituted...Authorized employees are exposed to fall hazards from the MIB and SIB roofs and other elevated work surfaces.” Page 136

“The welding exhaust ventilation systems in the MIB M-Floor and the MIB welding shop are not adequate to prevent those gases from entering the Main Interior Building ventilation system or to effectively protect the welder.” Page 146

“Oxygen, acetylene and other compressed gas cylinders are not stored properly in the Interior Complex.” Page 148 [For example] oxygen and acetylene cylinders are stored together...” Page 144

Sanitation:

“Materials are stored in SIB and MIB in a manner that creates various hazards...Storage areas in the SIB attic have excessive materials in storage, creating fire, walking, sanitation and other hazards. Bird feces are excessive in areas. In the 19th Street attic cage area approximately twenty-five 50-pound sand bags are stored in a pile that may exceed the floor load rating which is not posted.” Page 103