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NERL Colleagues

Earlier today I met with our staff in Las Vegas to let them know that ORD will be ending all operations in Las Vegas as of September 30, 2018. Previously, the decision was made to end NERL laboratory operations in Las Vegas by the end of this fiscal year which impacted NERL staff in Las Vegas who perform laboratory functions for our organization. The decision announced today impacts all of our federal NERL colleagues in Las Vegas, both non-laboratory and laboratory staff, as well as, other federal ORD staff in Las Vegas and our non-federal colleagues and co-workers in Las Vegas. The drivers behind the decision are the continued pressure to reduce the amount of federally leased space by consolidating operations into federally owned space and to reduce our overall operational costs moving forward. As I mentioned in my discussion with our staff earlier today, announcing this decision was extremely difficult, but our colleagues in Las Vegas are now faced with an even more difficult set of decisions from both a personal and professional perspective. I am sending this message to make you aware of their situation and to ask that you keep them in your thoughts as they work through their options for moving forward.

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