Okay, so we have our construction fencing installed and it didn’t take long for the wind to knock part of it down. Luckily nobody got hurt when that happened; that would not have been a good way to start a project. I asked our contractor to do a much better job at making sure the fencing is secure so that a gust of wind won’t cause that to happen again.

So, now that our fence is up I would like to ask everyone to please keep out of the fenced in “construction zone”. Only construction staff and approved people may enter this construction area; and you must be sporting the latest fashion trend... hard hat, highly visible vest, safety glasses, gloves, and appropriate footwear, also known as PPE (Personal Protective Equipment).

I’ll be working on getting some signs installed that will aid people with appropriate ADA routes and best ways to get to different buildings on campus. This is a large construction zone right in the middle of normal campus circulation, so I figure some temporary signage is due. These signs will be installed ASAP.

I have required that our contractor install an accessible ramp near the steps that lay just northeast of Lab II. The contractor thought they could save us some money by not creating an accessible pathway in this area, but we really need one at this location. This temporary ramp will be in place for the duration of construction and will also be installed ASAP.

Next week’s activity will most likely just be the start of asbestos abatement. Don’t worry, we have highly experienced professionals that will be doing this portion of work. We also have an Environmental Health and Safety consultant working for TESC to ensure this abatement work is performed and disposed of per State and Federal requirements.

I hope you are enjoying the sun and much more tolerable temperatures.

Cheers!
Tim