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Initial tests on white powder negative

Building cleared to be reopened this morning

(Anchorage, AK) — Initial tests performed at the Department of Health and Social Services' Public Health Laboratory in Anchorage were negative for a variety of biological and toxic substances.

Officials with the Division of Public Health, Section of Epidemiology, conferred with the FBI who gave permission to reopen the building this morning.

Results from tests performed at the lab began rolling in on Wednesday evening. By the end of the evening the sample had tested negative for anthrax, plague, smallpox, and a variety of other biological and toxic agents.

Final test results are expected within a few days.

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