

Sidney Pacific HVAC Renovation Project
Preliminary FAQ
November 2014

1. What is the Sidney Pacific HVAC Replacement Project? MIT Facilities has determined that the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system in the Sidney Pacific hall needed improvements to meet the building's needs. As result, the system and ventilation ducts throughout the building will be upgraded. This project requires that sections of the building be closed, resulting in temporary relocation of some students.

2. What is the project timeline? The first of two phases is scheduled to begin in August 2015. The second phase is expected to start in February 2016. The work is projected to be completed by July 2016, with residents moving into their apartments in mid-August.

3. Will Sidney Pacific residents need to relocate? Yes. Residents affected during each phase of the project will need to relocate to the other side of the building. Residents may relocate off campus if they choose.

4. How will students in Sidney Pacific with continuing status be affected? Students with continuing status will be accommodated in two ways. When construction is occurring on the larger side of the building during phase 2 in 2016, a number of two bedroom suites on the smaller side will be converted to two bedroom quad suites. The exact number will be based on the number of continuing students and this would not take place until the second phase begins in 2016.

If a student with continuing status for Sidney Pacific choses to move off campus during the 2015-16 license year, they will retain their continuing status as long as they return to housing in August 2016. If a student does not return by August 2016, they will lose their continuing status.

5. How will students in Sidney Pacific with one-year, non-renewable licensing agreements be affected? Students with one-year, non-renewable licensing agreements will enter the fall housing allocation as they normally would.

6. Will new students still be able to get housing in Sidney Pacific in the spring and fall housing allocations? No. Starting with the spring allocation in November 2014, new students will not be able to choose Sidney Pacific as an option for the housing allocation.

7. Will there be a discount in rent for Sidney Pacific residents? Yes. Details of the discount are being worked out.

8. Will the Institute provide moving services for displaced residents? Yes, moving services and supplies will be provided for residents relocating within the building at the beginning and end of each phase. Details and logistics for moving will be determined in late spring 2015.

9. Who do I contact for more information? Please send any questions to sidpachvac@mit.edu. Depending on the nature of the question, submissions will be routed to the appropriate party for a response.