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Robert Ogden, Sheriff  
 Dukes County Jail and House of Correction  
 P.O. Box 252  
 Edgartown, MA 02539 (electronic copy)

Re: Plan of Correction - Dukes County Jail and House of Correction, Edgartown

Dear Sheriff Ogden:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Community Sanitation Program (CSP) has received your Plan of Correction in response to my inspection on December 16, 2021. After review, the CSP finds the plan appropriately addresses all of the violations noted in the report with the following exceptions:

1. Please provide a date of correction for the following unaddressed violations:
  - a. Plumbing out-of-order in cell # 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 in the Pre-Release Unit;
  - b. The mini split air conditioning unit leaking into the hallway in Unit # 1; and
  - c. The rear exterior door not rodent and weathertight in the Male Locker Room.
2. In regards to the issue of overcrowding, the CSP appreciates the limitations of correctional facilities and the need to accommodate the ever-increasing population; however we remain concerned with the overcrowded conditions.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter, should you have any questions please contact me at the address listed above.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Gale  
 Environmental Analyst, CSP, BEH

cc: Margret R. Cooke, Acting Commissioner, DPH (electronic copy)  
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