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Steven W. Tompkins, Sheriff
Suffolk County Sheriff's Department
20 Bradston Street
Boston, MA 02118 (electronic copy)

Re: Plan of Correction – Suffolk County House of Correction, Boston

Dear Sheriff Tompkins:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Community Sanitation Program (CSP) has received your Plan of Correction in response to my inspection on December 21, 22, and 23, 2021. After review, the CSP finds the plan appropriately addresses all of the violations noted in the report with the following exceptions:

1. Please confirm that all handwash sinks shall only be used for handwashing purposes to maintain compliance with 105 CMR 590.000: Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments (State Sanitary Code Chapter X);
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;
3. Your Plan of Correction (POC) does not adequately address violations cited under 105 CMR 480.000: Minimum Requirements for the Management of Medical or Biological Waste (State Sanitary Code Chapter VIII). The CSP requests the corrective actions taken and estimated date of completion for the following unaddressed violations:
 - a. Site specific, written procedure for maintaining compliance with 105 CMR 480.000; and
 - b. Properly updating the facility's record keeping log with the December 20, 2021 medical and biological waste shipment.

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

Sincerely,

Shanene Pierce
Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

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