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Kevin F. Coppinger, Sheriff
Essex County Sheriff's Department Headquarters
20 Manning Avenue
Middleton, MA 01949 (electronic copy)

Re: Plan of Correction – Essex County Correctional Facility, Middleton

Dear Sheriff Coppinger:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Community Sanitation Program (CSP) has received your Plan of Correction in response to an inspection on October 4 and 5, 2023. After review, the CSP finds the plan appropriately addresses all of the violations noted in the report with the following exceptions:

1. The violation regarding missing date markings on refrigerated time/temperature control for safety food stored in the Staff Dining # 1041 is noted as a Priority Foundation (Pf) Item and must be corrected within 10 days. The CSP would like this violation corrected within a shorter time frame.
2. In instances where you indicate handwash sink and shower temperatures were adjusted by the facility plumber, please confirm the temperatures have been properly adjusted to meet the appropriate regulatory requirements.
3. The CSP appreciates the information provided on the estimated start and completion date for the DCAMM project within the VOKE Building. The CSP would also like to be informed of your facilities interim measures you have implemented to ensure the health and safety of inmates and staff in this area while the DCAMM project is ongoing.
4. 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.
5. In instances where you indicate an estimated date of repair of January 2023, please confirm an updated date of repair.
6. Please provide an estimated date of repair for the wall damaged near the new soap dispenser in the Female Staff Bathroom # 1013.

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

Sincerely,



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