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Matthew Divris, Superintendent
NCCI Gardner
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Gardner, MA 01440 (electronic copy)

Re: Plan of Correction – NCCI Gardner

Dear Superintendent Divris:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Community Sanitation Program (CSP) has received your Plan of Correction in response to my inspection on February 1, 2, and 5, 2024. After review, the CSP finds the plan appropriately addresses all of the violations noted in the report with the following exceptions:

1. Please provide the corrective action taken and estimated date of completion for the following violations:
 - a. Insufficient hot water temperature in the Inmate Bathroom on the 1st Floor in the D Building; and
 - b. Freezer door broken in Room # 314 in the F Building.
2. Your Plan of Correction did not provide a timeframe for obtaining an occupancy permit for your facility. The CSP remains concerned and requests to be apprised of subsequent inspections and issuance of the occupancy permit.
3. 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.
4. Please provide confirmation that hot water temperatures have been adjusted to meet the regulatory requirements for handwash sinks within the range of 110°F-130°F.

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

Sincerely,



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