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Jason Rives, Superintendent
Worcester County House of Corrections and Jail
5 Paul X. Tivnan Drive
West Boylston, MA 01583 (electronic copy)

Re: Plan of Correction - Worcester County House of Corrections and Jail, West Boylston

Dear Superintendent Rives:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Community Sanitation Program (CSP) has received your Plan of Correction in response to my inspection on April 5 and 8, 2024. After review, the CSP finds the plan appropriately addresses all the violations noted in the report with the following exceptions:

1. Please indicate if:
 - a. The mouse droppings in the Main Kitchen have been removed and areas have been properly cleaned and sanitized; and
 - b. The final rinse temperature on the warewash machine is now in compliance.
2. The time frame to correct all hot water temperatures appears excessive, the CSP would like these violations corrected within a shorter time frame.
3. Your Plan of Correction (POC) does not provide a date of completion for work which requires DCAMM funding and indicates several projects are pending funding. While the CSP understands you do not have control over DCAMM's allotment of funds, we cannot approve any item that does not identify a reasonable time frame for repair. The CSP remains concerned with the uncorrected violations and asks you to provide a plan describing the interim measures you have implemented to ensure the health and safety of inmates and staff. In addition, we ask to be kept apprised of the DCAMM funding progress.
4. In regard 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,



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Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BCEH

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