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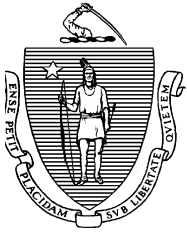
Greetings,

Pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403, please find the inspection report for Bristol County Jail, Ash Street Facility, the Plan of Correction (POC) from the facility and the POC acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS).

Sincerely,

Patrick Wallace
Environmental Analyst, EHRS, BCEH

Cc: Robert Goldstein, MD, PhD, Commissioner, DPH (electronic copy)
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June 4, 2026

Paul Heroux, Sheriff
Bristol County Jail, Ash Street Facility
226 Ash Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

(electronic copy)

Re: Facility Inspection – Bristol County Jail, Ash Street Facility, New Bedford

Dear Sheriff Heroux,

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Department) Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) conducted an inspection of the Bristol County Jail, Ash Street Facility on May 21, 2026, accompanied Michael Moreira and Justin Samanica, Environmental Health and Safety Officers, in accordance with Department regulations 105 CMR 451.000: Minimum Health and Sanitation Standards and Inspection Procedures for Correctional Facilities.

The inspection identified 77 total deficiencies: 12 new deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series), 23 repeat deficiencies under the Required Standards, 6 new deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series), 34 repeat deficiencies under the Recommended Standards, and 2 new deficiencies under 105 CMR 451.402(B) (other conditions that may constitute a threat to health or safety), under 105 CMR 451.402(B).

Overview

Section 1 provides details of all deficiencies, including repeat deficiencies, found during the inspection. These are categorized by Required Standards, Recommended Standards, or additional applicable regulatory standards.

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SECTION 1: Health and Safety Deficiencies

First Floor

Deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series)

4 new deficiencies and 9 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

Area	Sub Area # 1	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. 5 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, plumbing out-of-order in cell # 68
2. 9 Alley	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling dirty outside showers
3. 9 Alley	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall paint damaged outside showers
4. 9 Alley	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged outside showers
5. 13 Alley	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Wall paint damaged outside showers
6. Day Room	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor surface damaged throughout shower area
7. Day Room	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor dirty throughout shower area
8. Day Room	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Walls dirty throughout shower area
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10. Day Room	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty
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12. Day Room	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap dispenser damaged and leaking onto floor
13. Intake	Inmate Bathroom B-1	105 CMR 451.126*	Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: Hot water temperature 61°F at handwash sink

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

2 new deficiencies and 14 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

Area	Sub Area # 1	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. Janitorial Supply Room	-	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Light shield missing
2. Janitorial Supply Room	-	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Mold observed on ceiling
3. 1 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged in cell # 2
4. 5 Alley	Hallway	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged
5. 5 Alley	Hallway	105 CMR 451.360*	Protective Measures: Rodent droppings observed on floor around fire exit door
6. 5 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling damaged in cell # 74

Area	Sub Area # 1	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
7. 5 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged around toilet in cell # 76
8. 5 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged in cell # 74
9. 9 Alley	Hallway	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged
10. 9 Alley	Barbershop	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Side of countertop damaged
11. 9 Alley	Barbershop	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Countertop left unfinished
12. 13 Alley	Slop Sink – Maintenance Closet	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle
13. Day Room	Main Area	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged throughout
14. Day Room	Main Area	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged
15. Day Room	Main Area	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Threshold damaged at entrance
16. Intake	Holding Cells	105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Window cracked on cell # 1

Second Floor

Deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series)

1 new deficiency and 2 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

Area	Sub Area # 1	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. Health Services	Female Staff Bathroom	105 CMR 451.126	Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: Hot water temperature 72°F at handwash sink
2. 14 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, plumbing out-of-order in cell # 198
3. 10 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, plumbing out-of-order in cell # 142

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

2 new deficiencies and 4 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

Area	Sub Area # 1	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. 10 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged under handwash sink in cell # 142
2. 6 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged at entrance to cell # 89
3. 6 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling damaged in cell # 84
4. 2 Alley	Hallway	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged

Area	Sub Area # 1	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
5. 2 Alley	Hallway	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Mold observed on ceiling
6. 2 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 27

Deficiencies under 105 CMR 451.402(B) (other conditions that may constitute a threat to health or safety)

2 new deficiencies were found during the inspection:

Area	Sub Area # 1	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. Health Services	Nurse's Station	105 CMR 451.402(B)	Procedures; Records; Record-Keeping Log: Generator did not maintain a record-keeping log for waste sent off-site for treatment. Log incomplete, some pick-ups not recorded in log. Standard found in 105 CMR 480.500(B).
2. Health Services	Nurse's Station	105 CMR 451.402(B)	Tracking Medical or Biological Waste for Treatment: Generator did not confirm the shipment was received by the treatment facility within 30 days on an approved tracking form. Missing tracking form for December pickup. Standard found in 105 CMR 480.425(A).

Third Floor

Deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series)

2 new deficiencies and 6 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

Area	Sub Area # 1	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. 7 Alley	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged outside showers
2. 7 Alley	Showers	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall paint damaged outside showers
3. 7 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet out-of-order in cell # 111
4. 15 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, plumbing out-of-order in cell # 203
5. 15 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, plumbing out-of-order in cell # 212
6. Plant 3	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Mold observed on walls outside showers
7. Plant 3	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Mold observed on ceiling outside showers
8. Plant 3	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged outside showers

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

2 new deficiencies and 9 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

Area	Sub Area # 1	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. 3 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 35
2. 3 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 35
3. 7 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 99
4. 7 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 98
5. 11 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 164
6. 11 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # 161
7. 15 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged in cell # 212
8. 15 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 203
9. Plant 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Mold observed on ceiling in cell # 5 and 8
10. Plant 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Mold observed on walls in cell # 5
11. Plant 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Mold observed on walls in cell # 8

Fourth Floor**Deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series)**

1 new deficiency and 4 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

Area	Sub Area # 1	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. 8 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, plumbing out-of-order in cell # 125, 126, and 127
2. 16 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, plumbing out-of-order in cell # 214
3. Plant 4	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Mold observed on ceiling outside showers

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

7 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

Area	Sub Area # 1	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. 16 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 217
2. Plant 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Mold observed on ceiling in cell # 1 and 2
3. Plant 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 2, 6, and 10
4. Plant 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 6

Food Service

Deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series)

4 new deficiencies and 2 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

Area	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. Main Area	105 CMR 451.200*	Outer openings not protected against the entry of insects and rodents, entrance door not tight-fitting at bottom. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-202.15(A)(2).
2. Cooler # 1	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, shelving dirty. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A).
3. Cooler # 1	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, ceiling dirty. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A).
4. Cooler # 1	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not in good repair, shelving damaged. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.11.
5. Handwash Sink (across from ovens)	105 CMR 451.126	Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: Hot water temperature 76°F at handwash sink
6. Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.117*	Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixture dirty

SECTION 2: Areas Found to be in Compliance

EHRS inspected 32 additional areas of the facility which were found to be in compliance

SECTION 3: Areas EHRS did not Inspect

EHRS inspected all areas of the facility.

SECTION 4: Plan of Correction

This facility does not comply with the Department's regulations cited above. In accordance with 105 CMR 451.404, please submit a plan of correction within 10 working days of receipt of this notice which includes:

1. Specific corrective steps to be taken
2. A timetable for the corrective actions for larger projects
3. The date by which correction will be achieved
4. Any interim measures being implemented to ensure the health and safety of incarcerated individuals and facility staff
5. A signature by the Superintendent or Administrator responsible for the plan. The signed plan should be submitted to my attention, at the address listed above.

SECTION 5: Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 70 at the time of inspection.

To review the specific regulatory requirements, please visit the [Massachusetts Department of Public Health Regulatory and Compliance Unit](#) and [read the minimum health and sanitation standards for correctional facilities](#) available in both PDF and RTF formats. For more specific information about the food standards, you can [download the merged food code](#).

An inspection may also include observations of other conditions which could constitute a threat to the health or safety of inmates or employees, including but not limited to the standards set forth by the Department as follows, and report on such pursuant to 451.402(B). You can use these links below to review these standards:

- [105 CMR 205.000](#): Minimum Standards Governing Medical Records and Conduct of Physical Examinations in Correctional Facilities
- [105 CMR 480.000](#): Minimum requirements for the Management of Medical or Biological Waste
- [105 CMR 500.000](#): Good Manufacturing Practices for Food

This inspection report is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Sincerely,



Patrick Wallace
Environmental Analyst, EHRS, BCEH



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June 17, 2026

**Department of Public Safety
Division of Community Sanitation, c/o Mr. Patrick Wallace, EHRS, BCEH
5 Randolph St
Canton MA 02021**

Dear Mr. Wallace,

Attached, please find the response from the Bristol County Sheriff's Office for the May 21st, 2026 DPH inspection deficiencies of the Ash Street Facility located at 226 Ash Street in New Bedford.

Please be aware that the Bristol County Sheriff's Office is committed to ongoing improvements within this facility and is attempting to correct or has already corrected all areas of non-compliance.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 508-995-6400 ext. 2831 or MichaelMoreira@BCSO-MA.Org.

Respectfully,

**Michael E. Moreira
Environmental Health and Safety**

**Paul Heroux
Sheriff of Bristol County**

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9. 9 Alley	Hallway	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged Response: Floor to be repaired by 7.17.26
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3. 10 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, plumbing out-of-order in cell # 142 Response: Plumbing to be repaired by 7.17.26

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3. 6 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling damaged in cell # 84 Response: Ceiling to be repaired by 7.17.26
4. 2 Alley	Hallway	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged Response: Wall to be painted by 7.17.26
Area	Sub Area # 1	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
5. 2 Alley	Hallway	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Mold observed on ceiling Response: Ceiling to be cleaned by 6.19.26
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Third Floor

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3 new deficiencies and 6 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

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Response: Toilet to be repaired by 7.17.26

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6. Plant 3	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Mold observed on walls outside showers Response: Walls to be cleaned by 6.19.26
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3. 7 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 99 Response: Ceiling to be painted by 7.17.26
4. 7 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 98 Response: Ceiling to be painted by 7.17.26
5. 11 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 164 Response: Ceiling to be painted by 7.17.26
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9. Plant 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Mold observed on ceiling in cell # 5 & 8 Response: Ceilings to be cleaned by 6.19.26
10. Plant 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Mold observed on walls in cell # 5 Response: Walls to be cleaned by 6.12.26
11. Plant 3	Cells	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Mold observed on walls in cell # 8 Response: Walls to be cleaned by 6.12.26

Fourth Floor

Deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series)

1 new deficiency and 4 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

Area	Sub Area # 1	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. 8 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, plumbing out-of-order in cell # 125, 126, and 127 Response: Plumbing to be repaired in these cells by 7.17.26
2. 16 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, plumbing out-of-order in cell # 214 Response: Plumbing to be repaired by 7.17.26
3. Plant 4	Showers	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Mold observed on ceiling outside showers Response: Ceiling to be cleaned by 6.19.26

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

7 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

Area	Sub Area # 1	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. 16 Alley	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 217 Response: Ceiling to be painted by 7.17.26
2. Plant 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Mold observed on ceiling in cell # 1 & 2 Response: Ceiling to be cleaned by 6.19.26
3. Plant 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 2, 6, & 10 Response: Ceiling to be painted by 7.17.26
4. Plant 4	Cells	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # 6 Response: Floor to be painted by 7.17.26

Food Service

Deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series)

4 new deficiencies and 2 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

Area	Regulation	Description of Deficiency
1. Main Area	105 CMR 451.200*	Outer openings not protected against the entry of insects and rodents, entrance door not tight-fitting at bottom. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-202.15(A)(2). Response: Threshold weather-stripping to be replaced by 7.17.26
2. Cooler # 1	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, shelving dirty. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A). Response: Shelves to be cleaned by 6.19.26
3. Cooler # 1	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, ceiling dirty. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A). Response: Ceiling to be cleaned by 6.19.26
4. Cooler # 1	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not in good repair, shelving damaged. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.11. Response: Shelving to be replaced by 7.17.26

5. Handwash Sink (across from ovens)	105 CMR 451.126	Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: Hot water temperature 76°F at handwash sink Response: Sink temperature to be adjusted by 6.19.26
6. Inmate Bathroom	105 CMR 451.117*	Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixture dirty Response: Toilet has been cleaned as of 6.8.26

SECTION 2: Areas Found to be in Compliance

EHRS inspected 32 additional areas of the facility which were found to be in compliance

SECTION 3: Areas EHRS did not Inspect EHRS inspected

all areas of the facility.

SECTION 4: Plan of Correction

This facility does not comply with the Department's regulations cited above. In accordance with 105 CMR 451.404, please submit a plan of correction within 10 working days of receipt of this notice which includes:

1. Specific corrective steps to be taken
2. A timetable for the corrective actions for larger projects
3. The date by which correction will be achieved
4. Any interim measures being implemented to ensure the health and safety of incarcerated individuals and facility staff
5. A signature by the Superintendent or Administrator responsible for the plan. The signed plan should be submitted to my attention, at the address listed above.

SECTION 5: Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 70 at the time of inspection.

To review the specific regulatory requirements, please visit the [Massachusetts Department of Public Health Regulatory and Compliance Unit](#) and [read the minimum health and sanitation standards for correctional facilities](#) available in both PDF and RTF formats. For more specific information about the food standards, you can [download the merged food code](#).

An inspection may also include observations of other conditions which could constitute a threat to the health or safety of inmates or employees, including but not limited to the standards set forth by the Department as follows, and report on such pursuant to 451.402(B). You can use these links below to review these standards:

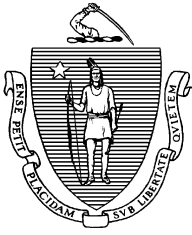
- [105 CMR 205.000](#): Minimum Standards Governing Medical Records and Conduct of Physical Examinations in Correctional Facilities
- [105 CMR 480.000](#): Minimum requirements for the Management of Medical or Biological Waste • [105 CMR 500.000](#): Good Manufacturing Practices for Food

This inspection report is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Sincerely,

Patrick Wallace

Environmental Analyst, EHRS, BCEH



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July 13, 2026

Paul Heroux, Sheriff
Bristol County Jail, Ash Street Facility
400 Faunce Corner Road
Dartmouth, MA 02747 (electronic copy)

Re: Plan of Correction – Bristol County Jail, Ash Street Facility, New Bedford

Dear Sheriff Heroux:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) has received your Plan of Correction in response to my inspection on May 21, 2026. After review, the EHRS finds the plan appropriately addresses all of the deficiencies noted in the report.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patrick Wallace".

Patrick Wallace
Environmental Analyst, EHRS, BCEH

cc: Joseph Oliver III, Superintendent
Michael Moreira, EHSO

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