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Douglas DeMoura, Superintendent
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Re: Plan of Correction – MCI Cedar Junction, Walpole

Dear Superintendent DeMoura:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Community Sanitation Program (CSP) has received your Plan of Correction in response to my inspection on August 10, 11, and 12, 2021. After review, the Department finds the plan appropriately addresses all of the violations noted in the report with the following exceptions:

1. Your POC does not provide a date of completion for work which requires capital funding. While the CSP understands you do not have control over the funding required for capital projects, we cannot approve any item that does not identify a reasonable time frame for repair. The CSP remains concerned with the uncorrected violations and we ask that you 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 for the noted capital project requests.
2. The D-Wing cells in DDU do not have access to natural light as required by 105 CMR 451.341. The CSP cannot approve the provided response.
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.

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 Analyst, CSP, BEH

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