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Matthew Divris, Superintendent
NCCI Gardner
500 Old Colony Road
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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 September 21, 24, 27, and 30th 2021. After review, the CSP finds the plan appropriately addresses all of the violations noted in the report with the following exceptions:

1. Please provide an estimated date of completion for:
 - a. Ceiling light fixture rusted in the I Building East Side Inmate Bathroom Shower; and
 - b. Quaternary ammonium solution lesser than the manufacturers recommended concentration at the Serving Line in Culinary.
2. Please identify if the medical waste shipping documents have been received.
3. 105 CMR 451.109 states: *A handwash sink shall be located near each toilet.* Please identify when a sink will be installed in the Assembly Building Basement Mail Room Bathroom and in the interim what measures you have implemented to ensure the health and safety of staff in this area.
4. Your Plan of Correction (POC) does not provide a date of completion for work which requires DRM funding. While the CSP understands you do not have control over DRM'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 DRM funding progress.
5. 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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