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Kevin F. Coppinger, Sheriff
Essex County Sheriff's Department Headquarters
20 Manning Avenue
Middleton, MA 01949 (electronic copy)

Re: Plan of Correction – Essex County Correctional Facility, Middleton

Dear Sheriff Coppinger:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Community Sanitation Program (CSP) has received your Plan of Correction in response to my inspection on October 18 and 19, 2022. After review, the CSP finds the plan appropriately addresses all of the violations noted with the following exception:

1. 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.
2. Your Plan of Correction (POC) does not provide a date of completion for hiring a certified food protection manager who has been issued an allergen awareness training certification. While the CSP understands you do not have control over Aramark's hiring process, we cannot approve any item that does not identify a reasonable time frame for completion. The CSP remains concerned with the lack of a properly trained food protection manager supervising food preparation and service 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 Aramark's hiring process.
3. Please provide an estimated date of completion for the excessive condensation collecting on walls and ceiling in the Mechanical Tray Warewashing Area.

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, BEH

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