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Robert Ogden, Sheriff
Dukes County Jail and House of Correction
P.O. Box 252
Edgartown, MA 02539 (electronic copy)

Re: Plan of Correction - Dukes County Jail and House of Correction, Edgartown

Dear Sheriff Ogden:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Community Sanitation Program (CSP) has received your Plan of Correction in response to my inspection on November 22, 2022. After review, the CSP finds the plan appropriately addresses all of the violations noted in the report with the following exceptions:

1. While the Department appreciates the limitations of correctional facilities, the estimated date provided to correct the items below appears excessive, and the CSP would like these violations corrected within a shorter time frame:
 - a. No hot running water in the Male Holding Cell;
 - b. No cold running water in Cell # 2 in the Administrative Segregation Unit; and
 - c. Floor damaged around floor vent in the Pre-Release Hallway.
2. In regards to the issue of overcrowding and the need for DCAMM funding, 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, and we ask to be kept apprised of the DCAMM funding process.

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

Sincerely,



Nicholas Gale
Environmental Analyst, CSP, BEH

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