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Dear Mr. Isaac,

This letter is in response to the draft inspection report received regarding the Corrections Information Council's (CIC) visit to the Federal Correctional Complex (FCC) Petersburg on December 4-6, 2021.

The Bureau is committed to ensuring the safety and security of our staff, the public and all inmates in our custody. Allegations of misconduct are thoroughly investigated and based on the findings, appropriate action is taken, if necessary.

I offer the following responses to the statements and recommendations in the report:

1. **Recommendation:** The BOP should fund and complete appropriate building repairs at FCI Petersburg, including resolving water leaks, to ensure that residents are housed in safe and healthy conditions.

Response: FCC Petersburg is in Phase I of constructing a new dining facility which is 92% complete. FCC Petersburg has requested funding for Phase II of the dining facility project through the appropriate national funding protocol. Upon completion, inmates at the Low Security facility will have the ability to sit and eat hot meals. The Facilities Department continues to monitor all areas and complete repairs, as needed.

2. **Recommendation:** The BOP should provide a functional dining facility at the Low Security facility, where residents can sit and eat hot meals.

Response: FCC Petersburg is constructing a new dining facility which is dependent upon national funding. However, the building is 92% completed. Once completed, inmates at the Low Security facility will have the ability to sit and eat hot meals.

3. **Recommendation:** The executive staff should resume GED testing at the Medium facility and increase staffing within the Education Department to ensure teachers are available to teach classes.

Response: To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, GED classes were suspended. However, FCC Petersburg's Education Department resumed GED testing as of March 2022. The Education Department is currently staffed at 95%, with one vacancy, which has been announced for hire.

4. **Recommendation:** The facility should supply residents in the SHU with adequate toilet paper.

Response: FCC Petersburg issues inmates housed in the Special Housing Unit (SHU) toilet paper three times a week. If needed, inmates may request additional toilet paper at any time. However, inmates are expected to utilize toilet paper for its intended purpose.

5. **Recommendation:** The facility should increase reentry efforts with more staffing and information for the DC population.

Response: FCC Petersburg encourages the CIC or its partner organizations to provide the institution Executive Assistant/Public Information Officer or the Bureau Coordinator with any additional DC resources for DC offenders to assist with ensuring a successful transition back to the District of Columbia. The information will be reviewed and provided to the Re-Entry Affairs Coordinator for dissemination to the inmate population, if approved. The DC CIC may also encourage individuals from the District of Columbia to apply as volunteers to provide services and information beneficial to inmates returning to the District of Columbia. As of May 2022, one additional Reentry Affairs position was announced for hire.

Regards,



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