

**Mississippi State Penitentiary
Parchman, Mississippi**

2025 Sanitation Inspection Report

October 06-10 2025

Conducted by:



Institutional Services



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

December 5, 2025

The Honorable Tate Reeves
Governor of the State of Mississippi
Walter Sillers State Office Building
550 High Street – 19th Floor
Jackson, Mississippi 39201

RE: The 2024 Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman Annual Sanitation Inspection Report
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Governor Reeves:

In compliance with Section 47-5-94, of the Mississippi Code of 1972, we are submitting the attached report regarding the inspection of the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman, Mississippi.

The 2024 Sanitation Inspection was conducted by Rayford E. Horton, Public Health Officer, of the Mississippi Department of Health (MSDH), Division of Institutional Services.

The Mississippi State Department of Health is thankful for the opportunity to promote and protect the health of Mississippians. Please contact our Office of Environmental Health at (601) 364-5780 with any comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

pc: The Honorable Lynn Fitch, State Attorney General
Bureau of Buildings, Grounds and Real Property Management
State of Mississippi Fire Marshal
Burl Cain, Commissioner, MS Department of Corrections
Jeworski Mallet, Deputy Commissioner of Institutions
Mark McClure, Superintendent, Mississippi State Penitentiary

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Hwy. 49 West
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Environmental Sanitation Report

Area I
(Unit 29 Gym/Barbershop, Kitchen)

Deficiency	Response
Unit 29 Bldg. A / Zone A	
Cell #3 Observed Oxygen in use with no warning signs	
Cell #13 Lavatory sink hot water pressure is low	
Water fountain does not work	
Cell #18 and 19 Lavatory sink leaks from the bottom	
Floor drain is stopped up	
Unit 29 Bldg. A / Zone B	
Cell #50 and #55 light is out	
Water fountain does not work	
Cell #58 Lavatory sink cold water runs constantly	
Cell #61 Lavatory sink button is stuck	
Cell #63 Lavatory sink water pressure is high	
TOP TIER	
Cell #88 light is out	
Cell #87 Lavatory sink does not work	
Cell #80 Lavatory sink cold water runs constantly	
Cell #79 Lavatory sink cold water does not work	
Cell #76 has no light fixture	

Cell #9 light is out/Lavatory sink water pressure is low	
Cell #14 receptacle is missing from the socket	
Cell #16 Lavatory sink hot water pressure is low	
Cell #26 Lavatory sink cold water button missing	
Exit light missing from wall with exposed wires	
Cell #38 light is out	
Unit 29 Bldg. H / Zone B	
No discrepancies downstairs	
TOP TIER	
Cell #30 light is out	
Cell #29 Lavatory sink faucet is loose	
Unit 29 Bldg. I	
CLOSED	
Unit 29 Bldg. J / Zone A	
Cell #11 Lavatory sink water pressure is low	
Cell #19 Lavatory sink hot water runs constantly	
Unit 29 Bldg. J / Zone B	
Cell #39 Lavatory sink cold water pressure is low	
Unit 29 Bldg. K	
CLOSED	
Unit 29 Bldg. L	
Water is leaking from drainpipe in ceiling	
Unit 29 Bldg. L / Zone A	
Cell #2 Commode does not work	
Cell #5 light is out	
Cell #13 Commode leaks from the bottom	
Cell #36 light is out	
Cell #31 Lavatory sink water pressure is low	
Cell #26 light is out	
Water is leaking from pipe chase into the zone	
Unit 29 Bldg. L / Zone B	
Cell #15 Light is out	
Cell #36 Light is out	
Cell #32,33, and 34 Lights are out	
Cell #23 receptacle is torn out the socket	
UNIT 29 Kitchen	
No discrepancies were found during this inspection	
Unit 29 Gym	
Six (6) lights are out	
2 nd Lavatory sink cold water runs constantly	
Sign on door needs correcting from Women bathroom to Inmate Bathroom	
Barbershop no discrepancies were found	

Area II

2 nd and 4 th Showers do not work	
Unit 30 Library/ ABE School	
No Discrepancies found	
Unit 30 Multipurpose School	
5 th and 6 th urinals are missing from the wall	
4 th Lavatory sink hot water does not work	
FOOD SERVICE SANITATION-30 Kitchen	
No discrepancies were found during this inspection	
MSP Unit #30 Gym	
One (1) light is out and observed birds flying around inside	
1 st and 6 th Lavatory sinks do not work in the inmate bathroom	
3 rd commode is stopped up	

Area III, Unit 28

DEFICIENCY	RESPONSE
MSP UNIT 28	
Unit 28 Kitchen	
Three (3) Compartment sink sanitizer was being manually poured from mayonnaise jug and over-sanitizing the dishware	
Unit 28/ Zone A	
No discrepancies noted	
Unit 28 / Zone B	
Metal Cover for pipe chase was detached and propped against the wall	
Unit 28 / Zone C	
Ceiling leaks above beds in cube #97-144	
1 st and 2 nd showers do not work	
Unit 28 / Zone D	
1 st and 2 nd showers do not work	
Light out above beds in cube #181-185	
Ceiling leaks in rooms #31, 33, and 36	

Area III, Unit 26

Processing	RESPONSE
No discrepancies noted	
DEFICIENCY	RESPONSE
Front Vocational School Kitchen	
No discrepancies were found during this inspection	
DEFICIENCY	RESPONSE
Unit 33	
Observed dogs living inside the building with the inmates	
DEFICIENCY	RESPONSE
The Place	
No discrepancies were found during this inspection	

32 Laundry

DEFICIENCY	RESPONSE
Dryer #1 is out of order	
Dryers #4 and #7 lint compartments needed cleaning	

Unit 42 (Infirmary)

DEFICIENCY	RESPONSE
Three (3) compartment sink did not have chemicals for sanitizing any dishware	
Observed stacks of wooden pallets and debris at dock area where food is transported into building	
Unit 42 Laundry Room	
Observed melted plastic containers stored on top dryer while dryer was in use	
South Ward	
Observed a soiled diaper left beside tub in offender bathroom	
Observed a soiled bed pad left in the shower	
Room #202 Lavatory sink water pressure is low	
Room #212 Light does not work	
Room #211 Commode is stopped up and light does not work	
Room #210 light fixture hanging	
Room #208 Lavatory sink cold water does not work	
West Ward	
Observed Oxygen in use with no warning signs	
Bottom wall is deteriorating, and baseboard needs replacing around the wall	
East Ward	

Unit 31 Bldg. / Zone A	
No discrepancies noted	
Unit 31 Bldg. / Zone B	
No discrepancies noted	
Unit 31 Bldg. / Zone C	
One (1) light is out in the hall area	
Unit 31 Bldg. / Zone D	
2 nd commode is stopped up	

Unit #17

DEFICIENCY	RESPONSE
Unit #17 Kitchen	
No discrepancies were found during this inspection	
Unit 17 Bldg. / Zone A	
No discrepancies noted	
Unit 17 Bldg. / Zone B	
No discrepancies noted	
Unit 17 Bldg. / Zone C	
Cell #14 light is out	
Unit 17 Bldg. / Zone D	
Cell #10 Lavatory sink does not work	



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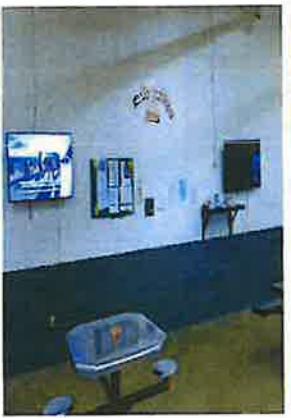
Unit 28 Barbershop



Unit 28 A-Zone Dayroom



Unit 28 B-Zone Dayroom



Metal Wall Panel Detached

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1st and 2nd showers are inoperable/Light out for rooms 181-185/Leaking from the ceiling for rooms 31-33-and 36/Wet Vacuums were present



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Unit 33



Pre-Release



Sink #1 is inoperable/Sink #4 no hot water knob/No hot water for sinks/1st Urinal is stopped up

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Unit 29A Building A-Zone



Unit 29A Building Entry

Unit 29A Building Dayroom Area



Unit 29A Building Shower Area

A-Zone Cell #1 Oxygen Machine

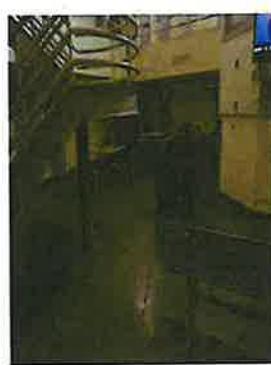
A-Zone Inoperable Water Fountain



A-Zone Cell #18 and Cell #19 Leaking Water at the base

A-Zone Floor Drain was clogged

Unit 29A Building B-Zone



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Bathroom and Shower Areas for Unit 29C A-Zone

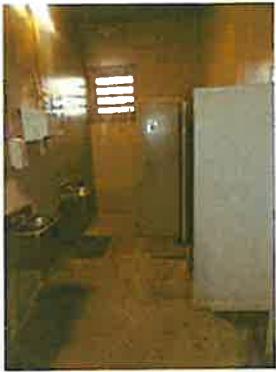
Unit 29C Building B-Zone



Unit 29C B-Zone Dayroom Area

Unit 29C B-Zone Televisions

Unit 29C B-Zone Microwaves



Bathroom and Shower Areas Unit 29C Building B-Zone



Bed 116-117 Missing Light Fixture

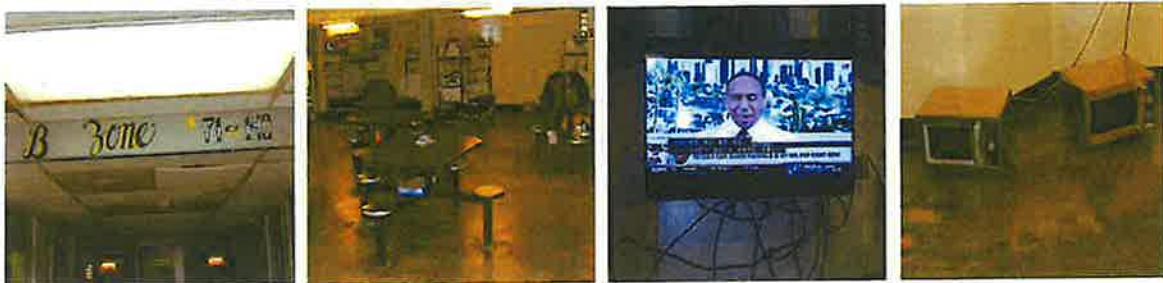
Ceiling Panel Need Replacing On B-Zone

Sink by Bed 105 Inoperable



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Unit 29F Building B-Zone



Unit 29F B-Zone Dayroom Area/Televisions and Microwaves



Shower and Bathroom Areas for Unit 29F B-Zone

Light Out in Shower

Exposed Wires for bed 97/98

Unit 29 Division I Yard



Food thrown on yard feeding birds

Unit 29 Gymnasium/Barbershop



2nd Sink Cold Water Won't Shut Off

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Unit 29H Building A-Zone Dayroom and Shower Areas



Exit Light Missing by Showers

Unit 29H Building B-Zone



Unit 29H Building B-Zone Dayroom and Shower Areas



Cell #29 has a loose faucet

Unit 29J Building A-Zone



Unit #42 Infirmary

Laundry Room



Personal items stored on dryer/Fire hazard

Back Dock



Pallets need to be removed/Outside area need cleaning

Southward



Inmate shower and bathroom need cleaning for soiled diaper near tub and bed pad in the shower



Unit 42 Westward Dayroom and Shower area



Room 229 has a water leak under the sink/ Unit 42 back desk water fountain is leaking

Unit 17

Unit 17 Kitchen/Kitchen Bathroom



Dining area for Unit 17

Visitation and Dayroom Areas for Unit 17



A-D Zone Showers



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Unit 30 Gymnasium/Barbershop



1st sink is inoperable

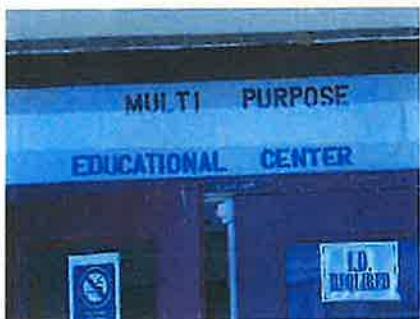
Unit 30 Gymnasium 3rd commode stopped up

Unit 30 Kitchen



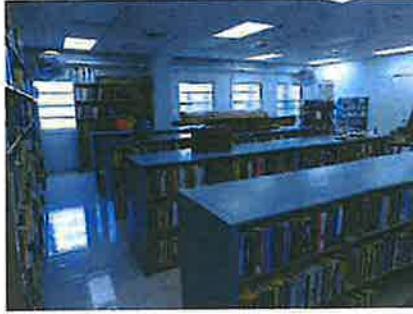
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Unit 30 Education Center



Hot water out in sink #4/Education Center Urinal 5 and 6 Missing

Unit 30 Library



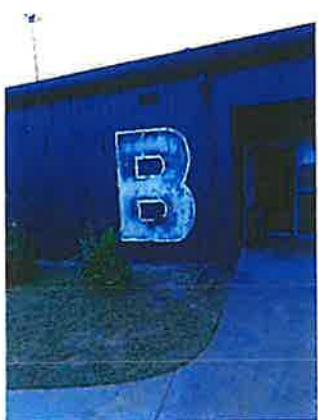
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Cold water not working for sink #6/Low water pressure for hot water

Sink #7 has low water pressure (hot)

Unit 30B Building



Unit 30B A-Zone 7th sink inoperable



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1st sink hot water pressure is low/Shower #4 constantly runs



1st sink is inoperable/2nd sink water runs constantly

Unit 30D Building



Unit 25

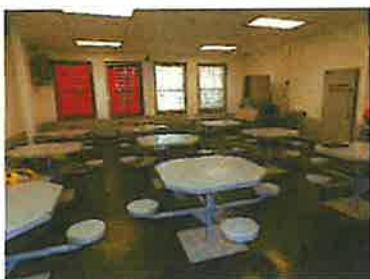


Unit 25 Mechanical Room



Front door of mechanical room and inside boiler room needs cleaning

Unit 25 Kitchen





Urinal is missing from the wall/Sink 1 and 3 faucet is broken/Sink 5 has a low water pressure

Unit 25 D-Zone



D-Zone dayroom area/Mold present in the ceiling (needs cleaning)/Sink 1 runs and Sink 2 low pressure



Unit 25 outside recreational area