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Partial Power Outage at the Metropolitan Detention Center Brooklyn, NY

Brooklyn, NY: Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC) Brooklyn experienced a partial power outage, due to a fire in the switch gear room. The West building has limited power in some areas; however, the East building was unaffected. All areas have lights that are on the emergency lighting circuit which is being fed by the utility company.

The new electrical panel was installed by an outside contractor today, and a work ticket has been submitted by the electrical contractor to schedule a work crew to restore power to the new temporary service switch. The facility is working to restore power as expeditiously as possible; the current estimate is that the work is expected to be completed by Monday, February 4, 2019.

Inmates have hot water for showers and hot water in the sinks in the cell. Essential personal hygiene items and medical services continue to be provided. New York City Emergency Services is providing blankets to MDC Brooklyn, and inmates will receive additional blankets and clothing today. The inmate telephones, inmate computers, and inmate televisions have no electrical power at this time, because of the electrical issue. The inmate's public defender phones are operational. Staff telephones in the unit officer stations are operational.

Tours of the facility were provided to representatives and staff from the United States Congress. All representatives were able to walk the facility, talk to inmates and staff and observe institution conditions.

Metropolitan Detention Center Brooklyn is an administrative security facility that currently houses 1,654 male and female offenders in Brooklyn, NY. Visiting has been temporarily suspended, due to the partial power outage. Visitors should continue to check the public website (www.bop.gov) for any updates regarding visiting.

Additional information about the Federal Bureau of Prisons can be found at www.bop.gov.

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***** Update *** Partial Power Outage at the Metropolitan Detention Center Brooklyn, NY**

Brooklyn, NY: On January 27, 2019, Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC) Brooklyn experienced a partial power outage due to a fire in the switch gear room. The West building has limited power in some areas; however, the East building was unaffected. All affected areas have lights that are on the emergency lighting circuit which is being fed by the utility company.

The new electrical panel was installed by an outside contractor on February 2nd and a work ticket has been submitted by the electrical contractor to schedule a work crew to restore power to the new temporary service switch once the remaining part is obtained. Work is expected to be completed by Monday, February 4, 2019.

Heating to the building is provided via a boiler, which was not affected by the power outage. Inmates have hot water for showers and hot water in the sinks in the cell. Essential personal hygiene items and medical services continue to be provided. The facility has accepted resources from the New York City Emergency Management and the New York Department of Corrections. The inmate telephones, inmate computers, and inmate televisions do not have electrical power at this time because of the electrical issue. The inmate's public defender phones are operational. Staff telephones in the unit officer stations are operational.

Medical staff have checked and continue to check each inmate cell-by-cell periodically and continue to dispense required medications and address the medical needs of the inmate population. Legal visits will be available today.

Tours of the facility were provided on February 1st and 2nd to representatives and staff from the United States Congress. All representatives were able to walk the facility, talk to inmates and staff and observe institution conditions.

We continue to work expeditiously to restore power to the facility as quickly as possible.

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The following statement is attributable to

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The electrical power at the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) facility at MDC Brooklyn was restored at approximately 6:30 p.m., Sunday evening. With the heat and hot water operational, and the restoration of electrical power, the facility can now begin to return to regular operations. In the coming days, the Department will work with the Bureau of Prisons to examine what happened and ensure the facility has the power, heat and backup systems in place to prevent the problem from reoccurring.