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### Record of Variance Action

On September 8, the NYC Board of Correction voted to RENEW the Department of Correction's request for a limited variance from BOC Minimum Standard 1-03 regarding suicide smocks and suicide resistant bedding.

This variance enables the Department to have suicide watch inmates wear specially designed clothing, and use special bedding materials, which reduce the risk of inmate suicide. The clothing and bedding are tear resistant and difficult to manipulate, preventing suicide watch inmates from creating nooses to use to commit suicide. These suicide resistant articles are commonly used for suicide watch inmates in jails and prisons in the United States.

Date on which variance will commence: SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

Time period, if any: TWO MONTHS

Any requirements imposed as conditions on variance: NONE

Reasons for approval, renewal, or denial:

Date on which Board of Correction first approved variance (for variance renewals only):  
SEPTEMBER 2003

Date(s) on which Board of Correction has previously renewed variance (for variance renewals only): JULY 14, 2015